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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA

At the Forty-Seventh Annual Convocation

1905



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HELD IN
THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING,
CITY OF TORONTO, ONT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH, A. D. 1905
A. L. 5905, A. I. 2435

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED

WILLIAM ROAF, K.C., Toronto,
Grand Z.

GEORGE J. BENNETT, Toronto,
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS.

AT THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1905, A.I. 2435.

MASONIC HALL, TORONTO, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1905.

The Grand Council, M. E. Companion Abraham Shaw, Grand Z.; R. E. Companions William Roaf, Grand H.; John Leslie, Grand J., and the representatives of a constitutional number of Chapters being present, the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 11 o'clock a.m.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the Proceedings of the Forty-sixth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, on the 27th day of January, A.D. 1904, A.I. 2434, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 27th day of January, 1904, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. having announced that the following Chapters were represented, viz.: Nos. 1, 4, 8, 31, 52, 62, 65, 77, 90, 91, 98, 101, 118, 122 and 128, the M. E. the Grand Z. stated that the Provincial elections in Ontario having been fixed for the date set apart by the Constitution for the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and having consulted with his colleagues of the Grand Council, and having in view the convenience of the Companions, he had on the 21st December, previously, instructed the Grand Scribe E. to notify the Grand Officers, the members of the Executive Committee and each Chap-

ter in the jurisdiction, that Grand Chapter would be formally opened in accordance with law on the regular day, viz., the fourth Wednesday in January, but that the transaction of the business thereof would be deferred until the Friday following at the same hour.

It was then moved by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, Grand H., seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Grand J., and

Resolved,—"That the action of the Grand Z., under the circumstances, was thoughtful and wise, and that Grand Chapter approve the same."

The M. E. the Grand Z. then declared Grand Chapter adjourned until Friday the 27th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m.

MASONIC HALL, TORONTO,

FRIDAY, Jan. 27th, 1905.

At eleven o'clock a.m., a constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the business of the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was resumed, the following being

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Abraham Shaw	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. "	William Roaf	Grand H.	
R. "	John Leslie	Grand J.	
R. "	Geo. J. Bennett	Grand Scribe E.	
R. "	Wm. Hay	Grand Scribe N.	
M. "	Hugh Murray	Grand Treasurer.	
R. "	Oliver Ellwood	Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. "	Wm. J. A. Lake	Grand Registrar.	
" "	W. H. Blight	as Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner.	
V. "	Wm. O'Brien	as Grand 2nd Asst. Sojourner.	
R. "	J. B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer.	
" "	R. J. Gibson	as Grand Sword Bearer.	
" "	W. J. Kenny	as Grand Master 1st Veil.	
V. "	H. Wellbanks	as Grand Master 2nd Veil.	
" "	G. K. Clemens	as Grand Master 3rd Veil.	
V. "	F. W. Harcourt	as Grand Master 4th Veil.	
V. "	Thomas Smith	Grand Standard Bearer.	
R. "	W. S. R. Murch	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
V. "	W. E. Brown	as Grand Organist.	
" "	E. M. Carleton	as Grand Pursuivant.	
V. "	W. A. Wilson	Grand Steward.	
V. "	W. Fisher	Grand Steward.	
V. "	J. T. Lovell	Grand Steward.	
" "	G. Gilmour	as Grand Steward.	
" "	E. C. Davies	Grand Steward.	
V. "	W. H. Robinson	as Grand Steward.	
" "	V. M. Hare	as Grand Steward.	
" "	J. W. Bell	as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Robt. H. Revell.....	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
"	"	Geo. P. Wenino.....	" "	2
"	"	Moses McCormack.....	" "	3
"	"	Harry Mahoney.....	" "	4
"	"	George Sitzer.....	" "	5
"	"	R. E. Cooper, M.D.....	" "	6
"	"	J. C. Eccles.....	" "	7
"	"	Henry T. Smith.....	" "	8
"	"	Wm. J. Hallett.....	" "	9
"	"	Jno. M. Shaw, M.D.....	" "	10
"	"	J. A. Phillips.....	" "	11
"	"	Robt. S. Dodds.....	" "	13
"	"	Richard Roberts.....	" "	14

R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives reported that, there were 107 warranted Chapters and 12 under dispensation, of which 88 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*

R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch; M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, P.Z's.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. A. W. Peene, Fred Staunton, G. H. Logan, A. Smith; V. E. Comps. W. E. Brown, Thos. Smith; R. E. Comps. Fred Walter, T. M. Davis, Geo. Moore, P.Z's.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

E. Comps. J. A. Tancock, Z. D. Fraser, John H. Wilson, John Graham; V. E. Comp. W. O'Brien; R. E. Comps. O. Ellwood, A. E. Cooper, P.Z's.

No. 4. *St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. W. H. Blight, Z.; R. W. Clewlo, Jas. Glanville, Joseph King, T. B. Cole, J. G. Boyce; V. E. Comp. Spencer Love; R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, J. K. Kerr, P.Z's.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

E. Comps. Stephen Grant, Z.; A. G. Stephens, R. W. Evans, J. E. Keays; V. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson; R. E. Comps. P. W. D. Broderick, A. G. McWhinney, P.Z's.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

E. Comp. A. T. Freed, H.; J. W. Bell; R. E. Comps. Wm. Birrell, W. J. McAllister, Wm. Forbes; M. E. Comps. Wm. Gibson, W. G. Reid, Hugh Murray, P.Z's.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*

E. Comps. W. S. Morden, Z.; R. E. Comps. J. A. Phillips, W. Webster, P.Z's.

- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Malcolm Gibbs, P.H.; W. A. Lyon, E. M. Carleton;
R. E. Comps. J. B. Nixon, Alex. Patterson; M. E. Comp.
J. Ross Robertson, P.Z's.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, Z.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
R. E. Comp. S. A. Luke. P.Z.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
E. Comps. F. Minns, H.; G. H. Cheyne, P.Z.
- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
E. Comp. S. P. Gurlay, Z. and P.Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. R. A. Rastall, Z.; R. E. Comp. M. McCormack, P.Z.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
E. Comp. W. A. Logan, Z. and P.Z.
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
R. E. Comp. J. G. Bottomley, P.Z.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
E. Comp. J. Stephens, Z.; R. E. Comp. C. McLellan; M. E.
Comp. J. E. Harding, P.Z.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
E. Comp. R. Spencer, Z. and P.Z.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comp. W. Hughes; R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, P.Z's.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
R. E. Comps. J. C. Eccles, R. G. W. Conolly, P.Z's.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comp. E. Wright, Z.; V. E. Comp. H. Wellbanks; M.
E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z's.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
E. Comps. W. J. Taggart, J.; G. H. Thomas, Z.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
E. Comps. J. Shrubsole, Z.; J. A. Neff; R. E. Comps. W.
J. Hallett, D. F. MacWatt, P.Z's.

- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
E. Comp. R. L. Huggard, Z. and P.Z.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough*
E. Comps. D. Walker, Proxy; Alex. Gibson: R. E. Comps.
J. M. Shaw, R. E. Wood, P.Z's.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
R. E. Comps. Richard Mahoney, H. Mahoney, P.Z's
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
E. Comp. J. A. Neff, Z.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee*
E. Comp. E. J. Walters, P.Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comp. F. O. McGlennon, Z.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
E. Comp. W. J. Kenny, Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*
E. Comp. J. Belasco; R. E. Comp. John Sinclair, P.Z's.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. N. W. Ford, P. Z.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. E. Comps. J. G. Bottomley, Proxy; J. G. Rousseau, P. Z's.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
R. E. Comp. Allan Cameron, P. Z.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P. Z.
- No. 61. *Granite, Almonte.*
R. E. Comp. Robt. S. Dodds, P. Z.
- No. 62. *York, Eglinton.*
E. Comps. G. McLeish, H.; R. Lennox, Z.; R. I. Gibson,
W. Duncan, W. E. Hofland; V. E. Comp. D. Robertson;
R. E. Comps. R. W. Hull, Wm. Roaf, P. Z's.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
E. Comp. Wm. Hay, Z. and P. Z.

- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. K. J. Dunstan J.; S. B. Sykes, H.; F. C. Snider, Z.; J. McKnight, F. Sparling, C. R. W. Postlethwaite; V. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, W. H. Best; R. E. Comps. C. W. Postlethwaite, Jas Bicknell, Aubrey White, Benj. Allen, W. G. Eakins, A. F. Webster, P. Z's.
- No. 66. *The Malloch, Seaforth.*
E. Comp. Oscar Neil, Z.; R. E. Comp. R. E. Cooper, P. Z's.
- No 67. *Enterprise, Hamilton.*
E. Comps. E. W. Lambert, J.; A. Fisher, H.; A. F. Ballins, Z.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, P. Z.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
E. Comp. Fred W. Mills, Z.; R. E. Comp. Isaac Huber, P. Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
E. Comp. H. H. Alger; R. E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, P. Z's.
- No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
E. Comps. Geo. McBeth, J.; E. N. Hart, H.; J. H. Argue, Z.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
E. Comp. John Somerville; R. E. Comps. Wm. Panton, Proxy; Geo. Sitzler, P. Z's.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls S.*
E. Comps. A. S. Murray, J.; R. F. Carter, H.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Fred. Prince, G. K. Clemens, H. Meadows, L. H. Luke; R. E. Comps. J. J. Thompson, James Wilson, P. Z's.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. J. A. C. Stewart, J.; Wm. Bain, Z.; Gil. Gilmour, G. B. Foster; R. E. Comp. E. H. Briggs, P. Z's.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
E. Comp. C. Koelln, Z.; R. E. Comp. R. H. Revell, P. Z.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
E. Comp. R. G. Moore, H.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Comp. W. Fleming, P. Z.
- No. 88. *Macnabb, Dresden.*
R. E. Comp. Ed. Worth, P. Z.
- No. 90. *Golden, Rat Portage.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, P. Z. and Proxy.

- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comps. E. C. Davies, Z.; F. E. Luke; R. E. Comps. W. J. A. Lake, G. J. Bennett, Wm. Walker, P. Z's.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
R. E. Comp. J. W. Wallace, P. Z.
- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
R. E. Comp. Richard Roberts, Proxy.
- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.
- No. 101. *Corinthian, Boissevain.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
R. E. Comps. Rich'd Roberts, Benj. Allen, Proxy, P. Z's.
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
V. E. Comp. J. T. Lovell, P. Z.
- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
E. Comps. W. T. Marlatt, J. C. Ford, W. O. Joyce; V. E. Comp. W. H. Robinson; R. E. Comp. W. H. Spears, P. Z's.
- No. 106. *Alberta, Calgary.*
M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
E. Comp. A. S. Wade, Z.; R. E. Comp. Wm. Hay, P. Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
E. Comp. W. J. Logie, Z. and P. Z.
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
E. Comp. J. W. Patterson, Z.; A. S. Gorrell; R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, P. Z's.
- No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*
E. Comps. Theo. Zoellner, J.; F. H. Spence, Z.; E. W. Nobes, W. Oelschlager, J. H. Walker, P. Z's.
- No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 120. *Kootenay, Kaslo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Walker, Proxy.
- No. 123. *Nelson, Nelson.*
M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Proxy.

- No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 128. *Revelstoke, Revelstoke.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Walker, Proxy.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
E. Comp. C. A. Watt, H.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
E. Comp. G. L. Martin, P. Z.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
E. Comps. W. S. Ormiston, H.; V. M. Hare, Z.
- No. 136. *King Edward, Neepawa.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.
- No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto Junction.*
R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, P. Z.
- No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
E. Comps. Alfred Carey, J.; Elias Williams, H.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
E. Comp. Geo. Hill, H.
- No. 141. *Keystone, Brandon.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, Proxy.
- No. 142. *Cyrus, Cumberland.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Proxy.
- No. 143. *Glengarry, Maxville.*
E. Comp. Samuel Henry, Z.
- No. 144. *Presqu' Isle, Brighton.*
E. Comp. B. C. H. Becker, Z.
- No. 145. *St. Patrick, Toronto.*
E. Comp. H. A. Collins, Z.
- No. 147. *Lucknow, Lucknow.*
E. Comp. Harry Days, Z.

Thirty-one Chapters are unrepresented. Number of names registered, 203; number of votes entitled to be cast, 366.

Fraternally submitted,

J. EARL HALLIWELL,	}	Committee.
W. T. TONER,		
R. W. CLEWLO,		

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons properly vouched for and in good standing, during the sessions of Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of sister Grand Chapters and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais and greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:—

M. E. Comp.	Abraham Shaw, Kingston.....	Connecticut.
"	" Hugh Murray, Hamilton.....	Dist. of Columbia.
R. E.	" Allan Cameron, Owen Sound.....	Georgia.
"	" Wm. Forbes, Grimsby.....	Illinois.
"	" Ed. Worth, Kent Bridge.....	Indian Territory.
"	" C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto	Iowa.
"	" William Walker, Toronto.....	Kentucky.
"	" Benj. Allen, Toronto.....	Maine.
"	" R. G. W. Conolly, St. Catharines....	Maryland.
M. E.	" John E. Harding, Lindsay.....	Massachusetts.
R. E.	" Oliver Ellwood, London.....	Minnesota.
M. E.	" Wm. Gibson, Beamsville.....	Missouri.
"	" J. Ross Robertson, Toronto.....	Nebraska.
R. E.	" John Leslie, Winnipeg.....	New Zealand.
"	" James Wilson, Toronto.....	North Carolina.
"	" George Moore, Hamilton.....	Nova Scotia.
"	" William Roaf, Toronto.....	Oregon.
"	" D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia.....	Quebec.
"	" J. K. Kerr, Toronto.....	Scotland.
"	" A. E. Cooper, London.....	South Dakota.
"	" J. B. Nixon, Toronto.....	Vermont.
M. E.	" W. G. Reid, Hamilton.....	Victoria.
R. E.	" Alex. Patterson, Toronto.....	Virginia.

The Grand Representatives having been accorded the grand honors, R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, representing Illinois, acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following:—

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Greeting:—

Companions:

Welcome to this the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. It is well on occasions like the present to remind ourselves that the pendulum of time swings without ceasing, day following night, and night day, recalling forcibly to our minds the goodness of the Hand that holds the universe in His grasp. The past has brought us music of melody, entering into and cheering our hearts, the muffled sound of the tattoo reminding us of the certainty amidst the uncertainty of life; yet with all its joys and sorrows we glance back over the year that has gone, and looking up into the face of the Almighty,

“Feel the thanks we cannot speak.”

Two years have passed since you honored me with the highest position in your gift. I then felt the responsibility attached thereto. During these years I have earnestly tried to merit the honor then conferred, and now it is a pleasure as well as a duty to present to you a resume of the work of the year just ended: my official acts, which I trust will meet with your approval; a synopsis of the success which has crowned the labors of your Grand Officers, exceeding anything in the past history of the order.

This Grand Chapter will rejoice that throughout the Masonic world the true spirit of our order has been carefully practised, proved by all jurisdictions enjoying the most cordial relations with each other.

In accordance with my desire, expressed at the last Annual Convocation, for uniformity of work (which desire was endorsed by Grand Chapter), I appointed a committee consisting of the Grand Council and the Grand Scribe E, who, after carefully considering the work, decided that in the best interest of the Royal Craft, nothing better could be adopted than the ancient work practised

by the Grand Chapters of Great Britain, the birthplace of the world's esoteric work. It is a pleasure to state that such has been seized by all Chapters and strengthened by the Grand Superintendents, so that throughout the jurisdiction uniformity prevails. In dealing with this question I would suggest that a committee be appointed to arrange for a remodelling of the ceremony of opening the Chapter. This suggestion is prompted by the recent action of the Grand Chapter of England, also the necessity of preparing the work in concise form.

FINANCIAL.

The following summary of Grand Chapter will show the continued increase in members and receipts:—

1900—100 Chapters,	6,215 members,	Receipts \$3,390.00.
1901—102 Chapters,	6,533 members,	Receipts \$3,392.80.
1902—103 Chapters,	6,938 members,	Receipts \$4,012.60.
1903—108 Chapters,	7,676 members,	Receipts \$4,866.40.
1904—119 Chapters,	8,991 members,	Receipts \$5,821.10.

The Grand Chapter will be glad to notice the large increase in members and receipts during the year just closed. Throughout the jurisdiction only four Chapters report a decrease. The Grand Scribe E and Grand Treasurer will present their reports, which will be placed in the printed proceedings of Grand Chapter, showing the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. In referring to this increase in membership, let me say, Companions, there are times when I fear we are too eager to fill the quarries with unskilful and inefficient workmen, making the price of those degrees so cheap that many enter to gratify a morbid curiosity or a mere selfish ambition; better by far to inculcate and maintain the almost priceless value, magnitude and glory of the truths incorporated in those degrees, so that worthy Masons, who understand the teachings, will alone seek admission and afterwards do good work for the upbuilding of the order.

IMMORTALITY.

“There is no death: an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
He bears our best loved ones away,
And then we call them ‘dead.’ ”

Our thanks go out to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for His care over us during the past year; few of our homes have been visited by the angel of death. With sorrow we remember the loss of one, R. Ex. Companion J. B. Simpson, Grand Superintendent London District, whom to know was to admire. His sterling, manly character, directed by a heart tender and sympathetic, won for him the honor of his brethren. While in the performance of his duty he was summoned from our midst, suffocated while in charge of a railway train passing through St. Clair Tunnel. On October the 9th, a telegram from R. Ex. Companion Geo. Wenino informed me of his tragic death. He was buried with Masonic honors at Sarnia, R. Ex. Companion D. F. MacWatt representing the Grand Z. In reporting the funeral, R. Ex. Companion Geo. Wenino stated: "In the death of our dear Companion we lose one of our most energetic and enthusiastic members, one who was ever ready to promote the best interests of his Chapter and of the district over which he was Superintendent." On May 12th, when officially visiting Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, I first had the pleasure of meeting R. Ex. Companion Simpson, and admired his courtesy, tact and strong sense of honor and devotion to duty.

Death has also come to other faithful Companions whose memory we cherish, and whose places in our order shall not easily be filled, but while we sorrow with the bereaved we are reminded that:—

"Death is the port where all may refuge find,
The end of labor, the entry into rest."

Our records recall the following distinguished Companions who have put on immortality to dwell in that land where the cry, "I am sick," shall never be heard:—

2nd March—A. B. Munson, St. George's Chapter, No. 5, Grand Superintendent London District, 1889.

July—Jas. A. Nelles, Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Grand Superintendent Wellington District, 1890-1891.

John Parry, McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Grand Superintendent, Hamilton District, 1873.

William Braund, McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Grand Superintendent, Niagara District, 1878.

16th Nov.—Judge J. A. MacKenzie, Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, Grand Superintendent London District, 1871.

We join with our sister jurisdictions in mourning the loss of the following Companions:—

Alabama—R. E. Companion Joseph P. McQueen.

Arizona—M. E. Companion James D. Monihon.

California—M. E. Companions Dr. Thomas Flint, Lewis C. Wittenmyer.

Colorado—M. E. Companions George T. Cooper, David R. Crosby.

Carolina North—R. E. Companion Ferdinand Ulrich.

Dakota North—M. E. Companion Leonard A. Rose.

Florida—M. E. Companions Warren Tyler, William McIntosh.

Maine—M. E. Companion Joseph A. Locke.

Maryland—M. E. Companion Charles F. Achey, R. E. Companions William A. Wentz, Jacob H. Medairy.

Michigan—M. E. Companions Dr. David C. Spalding, Dr. John L. Mitchell.

Iowa—M. E. Companion Israel E. Wilson.

Nevada—M. E. Companion Trenmor Coffin.

New Jersey—M. E. Companion Charles Belcher.

Tennessee—M. E. Companions Angel S. Myers, Rufus O. Rounsavall; R. E. Companion Charles V. Taylor.

Texas—M. E. Companions Robert M. Harkness, John Adrance.

Virginia West—M. E. Companion William H. H. Flick, R. E. Companion Robert C. Dunnington.

Wisconsin—M. E. Companion Oliver Libbey.

Nova Scotia—M. E. Companion Lt.-Col. Charles J. McDonald.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year the following Companions were recommended as Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters. Commissions were received and forwarded to them:—

R. E. Companion W. B. McArthur, Ottawa—Alabama.

R. E. Companion E. E. Chipman, Kaslo—Mississippi.

R. E. Companion Oliver Ellwood, London—Minnesota.

Commissions have also been issued to the following Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chapters:—

California—R. E. Companion Roland E. Hartley, San Francisco.

Georgia—M. E. Companion A. M. Lambdin, Barnesville.

Iowa—R. E. Companion Chas. O. Greever, Des Moines.

Companions honored by foreign Grand Chapters should make an effort to be present at the Annual Convocation of their Grand Chapter.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have been favored with the opportunity of visiting many Chapters throughout the jurisdiction. This pleasure was enhanced by meeting many Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and having with me frequently the Grand Superintendents of the Districts where I was visiting; in every case the greatest enthusiasm showed the hearts of the Companions to be with the order. I need not refer to the excellent work, as the Grand Superintendents will deal with such in their reports, but must say, that uniformity is no longer the exception, but the rule throughout the jurisdiction.

I wish to say a word about my visit to the Western section of our Dominion. The reception accorded me at every station where I stopped gave evidence of the loyalty and hospitality of the stalwarts who compose our western Companions; such will not, cannot be forgotten. From Rat Portage, nestling by the Lake of the Woods, with its Thousand Islands, to Cumberland, on Vancouver Island, there were marks of loyalty never exceeded in the eastern portion of our jurisdiction. Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver, excelled in hospitality, sending with me a deputation across the Gulf to Nanaimo, Cumberland and the city of Victoria. I would gladly refer to each of these places of the west, but time will not permit. The following Chapters were visited:—

February 10—Covenant, No. 113, Cornwall.

February 26—Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls.

May 3—York, No. 62, Eglinton.

March 15—St. John, No. 112, Morrisburg.

March 25—Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines.

April 8—Occident, No. 77, Toronto.

April 19—Moira, No. 7, Belleville.

May 12—Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas.
 June 10—Victoria, No. 37, Port Hope.
 June 30—Niagara, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
 Sept. 6—St. John, No. 103, North Bay.
 Sept. 8—Golden, No. 90, Rat Portage.
 Sept. 9—Prince Rupert, No. 52, Winnipeg.
 Sept. 13—Assiniboia, No. 126, Medicine Hat.
 Sept. 14—Alberta, No. 106, Calgary.
 Sept. 15—Revelstoke, No. 128, Revelstoke.
 Sept. 20—Vancouver, No. 98, Vancouver.
 Sept. 21—Keystone, No. 127, Nanaimo.
 Sept. 22—Nelson, No. 123, Nelson.
 Nov. 8—Signet, No. 34, Barrie.
 Nov. 14—Waterloo, No. 32, Galt.
 Nov. 15—Berlin, No. 117, Berlin.
 Nov. 16—St. John, No. 48, Cobourg.
 Nov. 25—The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton.
 Nov. 29—Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville.
 Dec. 6,—Excelsior, No. 45, Colborne.
 Dec. 14—St. Paul's, No. 65, Toronto.
 Dec. 30—St. Francis, No. 133, Smith's Falls.
 Jan. 4—Leeds, No. 132, Gananoque.
 Jan. 16—Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto.
 Jan. 18—Glengarry, U.D., Maxville.
 Jan. 20—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1,
 Kingston.

The following Chapters of Instruction were visited:

On Oct 21st.—St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, where the work in the Mark Master was conferred by Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, and the M. E. M. degree by Shekinah, U.D., Toronto Junction, and put on in an excellent manner, reflecting credit upon the two baby Chapters of Toronto District.

On Dec. 9th.—St. John's, No. 3, London, the work in the several degrees was exemplified in good form. At these Chapters the Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Companions Henry T. Smith and George Wenino deserve much credit for the success attending the gatherings. Many Grand Officers were in attendance at both meetings.

On Sept. 23rd.—Visited Columbia Chapter, No. 120, Victoria, B.C., under the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

accompanied by R. Ex. Companion J. W. Prescott and Ex. Companion Sydney C. Sykes, of Vancouver. It was the Annual Convocation, and we were greeted by the largest gathering of Chapter Masons ever held in this beautiful city. We were received with all honors, and the Chapter was most generous in its hospitality.

On Nov. 17th.—Visited Stadacona Chapter, No. 2, Quebec, celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. The Companions of this ancient Capital excelled themselves in the magnificence of their gathering and banquet. The Grand First Principal of Quebec and myself were received at afternoon session. The banquet was held in the former home of the Duke of Kent, and when I mention as present M. Ex. Companions H. E. Channel, Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Quebec; J. B. Tresidder, Col. A. A. Stevenson, Col. Henry, of Vermont, with many other distinguished Companions, you will be assured of the pleasant and successful evening.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued for the instituting of the following new Chapters:—"Crow's Nest," Fernie; "Shekinah," Toronto Junction; "St. Andrew's," Havlock; "Fort William," Fort William; "Keystone," Brandon; "Cyrus," Cumberland; "Glengarry," Maxville; "Presqu' Isle," Brighton; "St. Patrick," Toronto; "Bernard," Listowel; "Lucknow," Lucknow. Of these seven were instituted by me, assisted by the Grand Superintendents of the respective districts and other Grand Chapter officers. Crow's Nest, Fernie; Glengarry, Maxville; Bernard, Listowel, and Lucknow, Lucknow, were instituted by the Grand Superintendents. In the instituting of Keystone Chapter, Brandon, I had with me many Companions from King Edward, U.D., Neepawa, and Prince Rupert, of Winnipeg, who conferred the degrees upon the candidates, while R. Ex. Companion John Leslie, Grand Third Principal, and Wm. Braden, Grand Superintendent, assisted in the institution.

The institution of St. Patrick's Chapter, Toronto, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, was something unique in the history of the Royal Craft, every Chapter in Toronto taking

part, R. Ex. Companion R. T. Smith, Grand Superintendent, arranging the programme. After the installation of Harry A. Collins, John A. Cowan and George McQuillan, as First, Second and Third Principals, respectively, the officers of Occident Chapter assisted St. Patrick's in conferring the degree of Mark Master upon one hundred and five candidates. To see this great number of strong, intelligent brethren surrounding the altar, will be long remembered by those present.

From the reports which have come to me regarding the work of these Chapters, warrants might be granted them, but certainly such should be to King Edward, of Neepawa. The Grand Superintendents' reports will deal more fully with these Chapters.

Dispensations have been granted to instal Z. without serving as H. or J., and H. without serving as J. Also dispensations have been granted to attend divine service and a few for change of date for regular Convocations.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

The By-Laws of the following Chapters have been submitted and approved:—Succoth, No. 135, Uxbridge; Niagara, No. 55, Niagara; Golden, No. 90, Rat Portage; St. Francis, No. 133, Smith's Falls; Algonquin, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin; and amendments to Prince of Wales, No. 71, Leamington.

DECISIONS.

In March a Chapter complained of the misuse made of the ballot, because certain brethren were rejected, and requested a commission to investigate. I replied that under section 114 of Constitution, no Companion shall violate the secrecy of the ballot; the right of the ballot cannot be interfered with, not even by the Grand Z.; therefore it is beyond any power to appoint a commission of enquiry with respect to the casting of a ballot.

An Ex. Companion of a western Chapter wrote through the Grand Scribe E. asking "If it is strictly in accordance with Masonic usage, and is it constitutional to hold an emergent Convocation and exalt a brother on a Sunday, if the Chapter is properly summoned for that purpose." I replied that, while it was permissible for a

Chapter to meet on a Sunday for the purpose of attending divine service, or the funeral of a deceased Companion, it was contrary to the spirit of the order in Canada to summon the Companions to attend a special Convocation on a Sunday for the purpose of engaging in ceremonial work.

Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, Vancouver, asked for a ruling:—An application for exaltation was received from a brother who had lost half the thumb and second finger of the right hand. I decided that the candidate, being unable to give the requirements of the ceremony in proper manner, should not be permitted to receive the degrees authorized by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The same ruling was given to Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, circumstances being similar.

A charge was made against three officers of Antiquity Chapter, Toronto: the Z., J., and Scribe E., for the wilful violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter by presenting the report of a committee, that had not met, on candidates that had never been proposed, and attempting to have the ballot cast upon these candidates. R. Ex. Companion H. T. Smith, Grand Superintendent, investigated the charges, summoning all parties concerned to give evidence, and forwarded the evidence to me. I decided, as these officers acknowledged their fault, and admitted that they were not conversant with the Constitution and By-Laws, that they were not fitted for the positions to which they had been elected; but subsequently, having studied the By-Laws, and realizing the evil they had done, they must now publicly acknowledge their fault, otherwise they stand suspended from office for the unexpired term of the year. This was complied with.

On Jan. 3rd, a charge was preferred against the Third Principal of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, for unmasonic conduct in canvassing for office by sending letters and printed cards to the Companions of his Chapter, requesting that in the event of their inability to support him, "to be busy or out of town." I again requested the Grand Superintendent to investigate and, in addition to collecting other evidence, he submitted a number of questions to the Third Principal, who failed to reply to them as re-

quested. This was reported to me by the Grand Superintendent and I attended the next regular Convocation of the Chapter and suspended the Third Principal from his office and rank.

This growing evil, viz., open canvassing for office, is a prostitution and degradation of our institution and I trust each and every Companion will stamp such as unmasonic, to be dealt with as a crime against the well-being of our cherished order.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The appointment of R. Ex. Companion Geo. P. Wenino as acting Grand Superintendent of London District, in the place of R. Ex. Companion the late J. B. Simpson, proved of much value to the district, he faithfully discharging the duties pertaining to the office. I would desire Grand Chapter to confer the rank of Past Grand Superintendent upon the R. Ex. Companion.

I also desire to say that St. Lawrence District has been unfortunate this year in not having a Grand Superintendent. Circumstances seemed to prevent the Companion selected being installed, and also to prevent the appointment of an acting Grand Superintendent until late in the year, when I had R. Ex. Companion W. H. Mowat, of Brockville, the Past Grand Superintendent, to perform the duties, which he has cheerfully done.

CONCLUSION.

I desire to state to Grand Chapter my appreciation of the work of the Grand Superintendents—to these faithful officers Grand Chapter owes much of its success and harmony; of the work of R. Ex. Companion William Roaf, Grand H., who, during the absence of the Grand Scribe E., discharged the duties pertaining to that office, and in many ways assisted me during the past two years; also of the Grand Scribe E., who cheerfully meets the numerous questions of the Companions and shows himself ever ready to assist in any and every capacity that may advance the interest of the Royal Craft. Let me emphasize my words of last year, that in the performance of his official duties he has endeared himself, not only to the Grand First Principals, but to every Chapter and

Companion who has met with him either in person or by correspondence.

I have examined the securities, bonds and debentures of this Grand Chapter, held in custody by the Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, and have found them correct, the interest accruing thereon being placed to the credit of the Grand Treasurer.

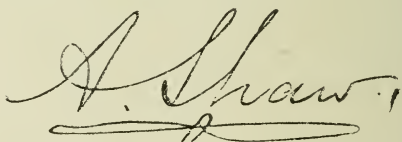
In laying down my sceptre after two years of mingled pleasure and service, I cannot but express my appreciation of the constant kindness shown me by the individual members of the order, brightening my labors and causing me to see more of real goodness in humanity,

“For man to man the world o’er
Shall brithers be for a’ that.”

And in future I shall omit no opportunity that may convey my greetings and love to my Companions.

I close by wishing you individually, your respective Chapters and the officers that will manage the affairs of Grand Chapter, a prosperous year under the guiding hand of the Almighty, who watches over all mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Shaw". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Grand Z.

Kingston, 16th January, 1905.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

As Grand Superintendent, I have pleasure, in accordance with the Constitution, in submitting my report upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1, which comprises Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham; Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg; Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown, Ark, No. 80, Windsor; MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden; and King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.

I am pleased to be able to report a progressive year for the Chapters generally and no existing reason why the harmony prevailing in the Chapters should be disturbed.

One incident only occurred during my term of office which might have had a detrimental effect on the progress of the Chapter, but after consultation with the Grand Z. I was able to give a decision which was gladly received by the Companions as overcoming the difficulty, and the growth of the Chapter will continue, as good material is available. While all the Chapters show a gain in membership during the year 1904, it is to be regretted that the registers do not show a better attendance at the regular and emergent Convocations; but, in some cases, this is not surprising when the distance from the Chapter at which many members reside is taken into consideration, but when it is known that members residing eight, ten, or twelve miles from their Chapter can and do attend regularly, it should be an object lesson for those whose residence is but a few town blocks from their Masonic home.

On June 13th, Wellington Chapter, No. 47, after having secured dispensation for the purpose from the Grand Z., temporarily moved their warrant to Tilbury, when the M.M.M. and M.E.M. and R.A. degrees were conferred upon three candidates. While business engagements at the last moment prevented my attendance, Excellent Companion Crumb has furnished me with very full details of the meeting, also reporting that he never

observed closer attention to the work by the Companions than on this occasion and, as about 50 were in attendance, I am satisfied that only good can result from the pilgrimage.

I have visited officially five of the six Chapters in the District, as follows:—

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 47, CHATHAM.—On November 10th I attended the regular meeting of this Chapter, having notified the Scribe E, on receipt of his notice, that I would be present, and notwithstanding the short notice which the Companions in Chatham had, and the fact that another attraction (a military band concert) somewhat reduced the attendance, the officers exemplified the M.M.M. degree in a satisfactory and impressive manner, and, while the letter of the work was not absolutely correct, it did not lose any of its beauty, and the lessons to be conveyed were certainly well impressed upon the mind of the candidate. The presence of R. E. Companion T. C. MacNabb was missed on this occasion, as it now frequently is, owing to advancing age and infirmity. Royal Arch Masonry is in good hands in Wellington Chapter, and continued advancement may be looked for.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 71, AMHERSTBURG.

I visited this Chapter on December 12th, on which occasion the R. A. degree was exemplified upon three candidates, the several officers showing by their work the degree of perfection to which they have arrived, the work being done in a very dignified and perfect manner, with good dramatic effect. The attendance was good, about thirty being present. The prospects of the Chapter are bright.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 119, LEAMINGTON.—On December 16th, I visited King Cyrus Chapter, for which purpose they called a special meeting. This Chapter has, this year, been somewhat handicapped by reason of losing by removal both their first and third Principals, the former being a bank manager and the latter a school teacher. Through a misunderstanding of dates the attendance was not as good as expected, but the register shows fairly good regular attendance; some of the Companions from the country districts being particularly attentive in this respect. While no work was under-

taken, the two accepted candidates not having returned from their summer's occupation on the lakes, I am aware that the officers of King Cyrus are zealous and efficient, and I feel safe in predicting a prosperous future for this Chapter.

ERIE CHAPTER, NO. 73, RIDGETOWN.—This Chapter I visited on December 19th, and found, on arrival, that unfortunately both Lodge and Chapter meetings were called for the same evening. The difficulty, however, was happily adjusted by the Lodge opening promptly and transacting their business quickly, and then giving way to the Chapter, which, after reception of the Grand Superintendent, elected officers for the ensuing year. I had not the pleasure of witnessing work by the Erie Chapter, as, by the time the business was disposed of, it was too late for even part of a degree to be conferred upon a dummy candidate, some of the Companions having a drive of eighteen miles to reach their home. I addressed the Companions on Capitular work in general and the Royal Arch degree in particular, and from the remarks which followed my address I am satisfied that my visit will not be barren of results. The officers of Erie Chapter are quite widely distributed over their jurisdiction, some residing in or near Bothwell, and others at Highgate, which renders securing regular monthly meetings difficult.

ARK CHAPTER, NO. 80, WINDSOR.—This, my own Chapter, was visited on nearly every one of their regular and emergent Convocations. I frequently took some part in the work. At my official visit the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, and which called for but little criticism. Situated as is Windsor, with the many attractions both here and in Detroit, many of the Companions and, occasionally, some of the officers, let other functions interfere with their Masonic duties. The attendance at Ark Chapter, with its 109 members, is not at all what it should be. But this condition I have hopes of seeing corrected, as the Chapter, along with the other Masonic bodies, are moving into new, more commodious and luxurious quarters, with an elevator service, and the officers, who generally

are zealous, painstaking and enthusiastic will, doubtless, receive the support of the membership, which can be given only by good attendance.

The reception extended to the Grand Superintendent by the Companions of the several Chapters visited was hearty in the extreme, they, apparently, vieing with each other to make my visit pleasant, and the entertainment which followed the meetings was, in some instances, exceedingly elaborate.

In closing my report, I wish to express my thanks to the officers and members of the several Chapters for the hearty support they have given me during the year, and can only express regret that business duties prevented me from visiting the Chapters more frequently.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT H. REVELL,

Grand Supt., St. Clair District, No. 1.

Walkerville, January 12, 1905.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings.		Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?			
Wellington.	Chatham.	47	11	11	22	18	42	2.00	\$	78	22	18	1	3	4			90	18	19	19	34		\$	300.00	250.00	\$	144.50	200.00	500.00	Excellent.	Yes.		
Prince of Wales.	Ambersburg.	71	10	6	16	14	32	*.00		55	5	5	1					61	5	7	7	15			240.00	90.00	100.00	50.00				Good.	Yes.	
Idrie.	Ridgctown.	73	4		4	15	1.50			50	4	4		1				54	4	4	4			230.00	20.00	150.00	60.00	200.00				Good.	Yes.	
Ark.	Windsor.	80	9	5	14	17	43	.00	101	14	13	1	3	3				109	13	13	15	20		1,328.34	526.34	500.00	302.00	300.00	20.00	Very good	Yes.			
MacNabb.	Dresden.	88	7	2	9	14	21	.45	41	6	6		1					46	6	6	3			50.00							Good.	Yes.		
King Cyrus.	Leamington.	119	13	2	15	10	2	.00	54	7	7			5				56	7	6	6	17	30	00	427.00	77.00	350.00	77.00	200.00			Good.	Yes.	

REMARKS—* Non-Resident Dues, \$1.50.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

To me has fallen the duty of presenting the report on Capitular Masonry in the district for which I am at present, acting Grand Superintendent.

At the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I have endeavored as far as my abilities enabled me to carry on the work of our late beloved Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion, J. B. Simpson, who lost his life while in the discharge of his duties as conductor in the St. Clair Tunnel, on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 9, 1904. This appalling calamity sent a wave of horror over the country, and caused the death of six brave men, among them being our dearly beloved R. E. Companion.

In taking up his work, I found that the late Grand Superintendent had visited Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas; Aylmer, No. 81, Aylmer; Bruce, No. 53, Petrolea; and Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill, and had arranged for Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia, his mother Chapter, when he was suddenly called hence.

Unfortunately he had not prepared the reports of his visits to the above-named Chapters, so that I am unable to give a full report of the same, but being very intimate with him, he had kept me well informed of his visits, to the effect that the work in the various degrees exemplified by the respective Chapters was most satisfactory, and that Capitular Masonry in the district was in a very flourishing and prosperous condition.

However, I might add that when he visited Minnewawa, a number of Companions from Sarnia, among them myself, accompanied him, and I can say the Royal Arch put on that evening by E. Comp. Sutherland and officers was exceedingly well done. I had the pleasure of meeting our immediate Past Grand Superintendent, R. E. Comp. Dr. Caw, and spent a pleasant evening renewing acquaintances with Companions, whom I had met on former occasions.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—Companion W. E. Idsardi, S. E., kindly furnished me with

the following: The Grand Superintendent R. E. Comp. J. B. Simpson, of Sarnia, paid his official visit to this Chapter on the 12th of May. The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, from Kingston, was also present. The M.M.M. degree was conferred, the work done by the officers being complimented by the Grand Z. and Grand Superintendent.

AYLMER CHAPTER, NO. 81, AYLMEER.—I am indebted to Companion J. E. Richards, S. E., for the following:—R. E. Comp. Simpson, the Grand Superintendent, visited this Chapter May 13th, and was introduced by R. E. Comp. Clutton, of Aylmer Chapter, and E. Companion Willison, of Erie Chapter, No. 73, St. Clair District. The M.M.M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Third Principal. The Grand Superintendent in his remarks, gave some necessary instructions for improving the work, and congratulated the Chapter on its evident prosperous condition.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, NO. 5, LONDON.—My first visit as acting Grand Superintendent was paid to St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, on the evening of the 25th of November. This being the night of the election of officers, I had the unusual experience of seeing the First and Second Principals chosen from among Companions who as yet had not held any office. This procedure may have been necessary, but I am very sorry that in the interests of Capitular Masonry a condition should exist which necessitated this drastic measure. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting a beautiful jewel, accompanied by an engrossed address, from the Companions of this Chapter to Past First Principal E. Comp. J. E. Keays. At my request the officers conferred the M. E. M. degree, and considering that during the year, this Chapter only added one candidate to the roll, the degree was fairly well done, so far as the lectures were concerned, but the floor work could be improved. The degree as restored being comparatively new, should, I think, receive more attention, particularly if properly worked out in all the details of floor work, as it is very instructive and impressive to the candidate. While this Chapter is not all that could be desired, owing to the lack of harmony, yet it is more promising for the future, and I sincerely hope that the Companions, one and all, will

forget and forgive, and again place St. George's among the foremost of the progressive Chapters. I am of the opinion that a glowing report will be given next year.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 3, LONDON.—I visited this Chapter on Friday, Dec. 7th, the occasion being their first reunion, held for the purpose of exemplification of degrees. At 2.30 in the afternoon, E. Comp. Jas. A. Tancock, First Principal elect of St. John's Chapter, conferred the M. M. degree on a class of ten, and E. Comp. A. G. Stephens, First Principal of St. George's Chapter worked the M. E. M. degree upon the same brethren. I did not arrive in time to see the work in the M. M. degree, but was informed by the M. E. Comp. Shaw that it was very well done, as was also that of the M. E. M. degree, with the exception of the floor work, and here I again had to point out the necessity for more attention being paid to this beautiful degree. In the evening, E. Comp. John H. Wilson, First Principal of St. John's Chapter and staff of officers, exalted the class to the Holy Royal Arch in an impressive and painstaking manner. They should be highly complimented on the class of work demonstrated. I would also congratulate R. E. Comp. O. Ellwood, on the neatness and perfect system in which the Chapter's books are kept, being a model which all Scribes might emulate with profit to themselves and their Chapters.

The presence of M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, of Kingston, the Grand First Principal; R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, K.C., of Toronto, Grand Second Principal; R. E. Comp. George Moore, of Hamilton, Past Grand Superintendent; and R. E. Comp. O. Ellwood, Grand Principal Sojourner, added interest to the occasion, which was a creditable "red letter" day in Capitular Masonry in that city.

R. E. Comps. J. S. Dewar, A. E. Cooper, P. J. Broderick and V. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson, also many E. Companions of St. George's and St. John's Chapters were present. The members and visitors numbered nearly one hundred. After the work had been concluded, brief addresses from the Grand Officers were given and much information obtained in the relation to the progress and condition of the Royal Craft throughout the jurisdiction. At the close a banquet was held in the banqueting room of the Temple, where a social time was spent by all.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, NO. 15, SARNIA.—I have paid no official visit to this my mother Chapter, for the reason that I am acting First Principal and doing the work regularly in this Chapter, death having summoned the elected and installed First Principal E. Comp. W. F. Wrighton a few days after his installation as Z. Any remarks made by me of the splendid work being done by this Chapter, might be construed as being biased, owing to the dual positions I at present occupy, but will say that this Chapter is in a very flourishing condition. The utmost harmony prevails and I can with confidence prophesy, that under the direction of the to be installed Z., E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it will still continue to improve and prosper.

The Chapter has suffered in the loss by death during the year of three of our most active and zealous Companions. E. Comp. W. F. Wrighton was stricken with paralysis a few days after his installation to the chair. At the request of the bereaved widow, he was interred with Masonic honors, under the auspices of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, of which he was a Past Master, and also the Knights Templars of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, the three bodies, Blue, Chapter and Preceptory, turning out in goodly numbers to pay their last respects to a deceased brother.

R. E. Comp. J. A. MacKenzie, junior Judge of the County of Lambton, passed away after a lingering illness, Nov. 16th, a zealous Companion, to whom much credit is due in carrying on the work of this Chapter in its early history.

On the 12th Oct. we laid to rest our beloved R. E. Comp. J. B. Simpson, Grand Superintendent, under the joint auspices of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, and Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, at the request of his mother lodge, Hamilton; Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, and St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory also attending. The Grand First Principal was represented by R. E. Comp. Judge D. F. MacWatt, of Sarnia, and the Grand Chapter by Grand Principal Sojourner Oliver Ellwood, of London. E. Comps. Evans and Keays, of London, and E. Comp. Hare, of Strathroy, were also in attendance.

We mourn the loss of a true and faithful Companion, who was ever zealous to advance the cause of Capitular Masonry. As a man, Freemason, Christian and citizen, he had the confidence, respect and highest regard of all who knew him. In his untimely death the Royal Craft in general and this district in particular has suffered a loss for which we can obtain compensation only in the precious heritage he has left us, of a noble example, and the record of an honorable and unsullied life.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the M. E. the Grand Z. for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me acting Grand Superintendent for London District, No. 2.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE P. WENINO,

Acting Grand Supt., London District, No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

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WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent of this district, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of the Royal Craft therein. Since I assumed the duties of the office in January, 1904, I have visited all the Chapters officially, and I am pleased to be able to say that peace and harmony prevail, that every Chapter within the district is making progress, and that the officers are all capable, energetic Craftsmen, who confer the different degrees in an efficient and impressive manner. The prospects are bright for every Chapter in the district.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Friday, October 14th. There was a very good attendance of the Companions. I was introduced to the Companions by Most E. Comp. Walsh, P.G.Z. To his counsel and assistance is due much of the prosperity attendant upon Harris Chapter in the past. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the candidate the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Neff and his staff of officers in a very able manner. Comp. Williams, S.E., gives every attention to the work of his office. The usual banquet completed a very pleasant and profitable evening.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—I visited Oxford Chapter on November 21st, and was accorded a hearty welcome by the officers and Companions; had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Cheyne and his officers in a most satisfactory manner. R. E. Comp. Hamilton was present and takes a very active interest in the Chapter, and is always ready with his assistance and advice. The prospects for this Chapter are bright. The banquet which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.—Accompanied by Comp. Percival, I visited Ezra Chapter on the evening of their regular meeting in November. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very careful and impressive

manner by E. Comp. McIntosh and his staff of officers. Every officer did his work exceedingly well. Particular reference is due the Principal Sojourner of the Chapter, his expressive rendering of one of the most beautiful parts of our ritualistic work was beyond criticism. The books of Comp. Porter, S.E., are neatly and accurately kept. The Companions, one and all, have the welfare of their Chapter at heart. The proceedings of the evening were concluded with banquet, speech, and song.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, NO. 20, BRANTFORD.—This is my mother Chapter, and, while I have attended every meeting during the year, I paid my official visit on December 9th, and was right royally received by the Companions, of whom there was a good attendance, also visiting Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates by E. Comp. Joyce and his officers in a highly commendable manner. Every officer did his work exceedingly well. The future prospects of this Chapter are exceedingly bright. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where, after partaking of the good things provided, a very pleasant hour was spent in speech and song, which brought to a close one of the many pleasant evenings I have spent with the Companions of good Mount Horeb.

BRANT CHAPTER, NO. 115, PARIS.—Accompanied by E. Comps. Rastall, McCormack, Inglis, Hamilton, and a large number of the Brantford Companions I visited Brant Chapter on the evening of their regular meeting in December, and after having been cordially received and welcomed by the officers and members, had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred on two candidates in a most accurate and impressive manner by E. Comp. Logie and his staff of officers. Each and every officer did his work well, and still keep up the reputation Brant Chapter has, of always doing good work. The Chapter is fortunate in the possession of such experienced, enthusiastic and capable workers as R. E. Comp. Taylor, E. Comp. Smiley and others who are faithful in their attendance, and by their counsel and support aid the work of the Chapter. The books of Comp. Whitehead, S.E., are neatly and accurately kept. Capitular Masonry will doubtless flourish in Brant Chapter in the

future as it has in the past. The usual banquet and toast list completed a very pleasant and enjoyable visit.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions of Wilson District very sincerely for the honor conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and also the various Chapters for their many courtesies and kindnesses to me during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the good fellowship existing at the present time throughout the district may continue for evermore.

Fraternally submitted,

M. McCORMACK,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

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REMARKS—* Dues for Members 3 miles out, \$1.50.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of the Royal Craft therein, since I assumed the duties of the office in January, 1904. The Chapters in the district are: Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph; Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston; Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin. I have visited all these Chapters and am pleased to be able to report that all are enjoying prosperity and promise a bright future.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—I visited this Chapter on Oct. 3rd, 1904, accompanied by R. E. Comp. R. Mahoney; we received a hearty welcome from the Companions; the First Principal ably assisted by the other officers conferred the R. A. degree, and the work was a credit to them. We had a pleasant evening, about forty being present. Enterprise Chapter may well be proud of the position they hold in the district, as the returns show.

BERLIN CHAPTER, NO. 117, BERLIN.—I visited this Chapter on Oct. 21st, and was pleased at the manner the M. M. degree was worked. Berlin has a proficient set of officers and some very active members, twenty-one candidates for the past year.

On Nov. 15th I had the pleasure of again visiting Berlin Chapter and meeting the M. E. the G. Z. We had a pleasant and profitable evening, thoroughly enjoying the company of the G. Z.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—Waterloo Chapter was visited on Nov. 14th, and I can truthfully state that this active Chapter can confer the degrees with any in the district and are in a very prosperous condition. The M. E. the G. Z. was present, and by his remarks greatly enlightened the Companions and myself in Royal Arch Masonry.

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 29th, and was pleased to again meet

the G. Z. in his official capacity; it is not necessary for me to say that the Companions of Ionic Chapter were delighted to have this distinguished visitor with them. The officers do their work well and entertain visitors right royally.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—I visited Guelph Chapter on Nov. 11th, and found the Companions ready to work the M. M. degree, the attendance was small, nevertheless we had a pleasant evening. Guelph Chapter has a set of young officers, and may be looked upon to do good work.

The Royal Craft has not been in a more prosperous state in this district for some years, and judging from the energy shown by the officers and Companions, their future is very bright.

In concluding this report of my term of office, I desire to express to the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E., my appreciation of the courtesy shown to me during the year, and to the Companions of this district for the honor conferred upon me last January, also for the kind reception I received from them when on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY MAHONEY,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

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Waterloo.	32	Galt.	10	1	11	15	3	2.00	69	4	8	1	1	1	2	2	74	8	7	8	24	\$	300.00	100.00	200.00	80.00	250.00	Good.	Yes.
Guelph.	40	Guelph.	12	1	12	12	1	2.00	69	11	4	1	1	1	2	2	71	4	3	1	38	642.67	642.67	46.92	400.00	195.70	500.00	Good.	Yes.
Enterprise.	67	Harriston.	12	2	14	22	4	1.00	88	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	99	12	12	11	13	589.26	589.26	261.01	250.00	78.25	250.00	5.00	Bright.	Yes.
Berlin.	117	Berlin.	12	7	19	16	1	2.00	41	21	21	2	1	1	1	1	64	21	21	19	5	450.00	450.00	18.50	300.00	15.00	Good.	Yes.
Ionic.	83	Orangeville.	10	4	14	14	1	1.00	68	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	81	13	10	12	28	365.00	365.00	65.00	300.00	56.00	200.00	Good.	Yes.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, No. 5, I have the honor to submit my report of Capitular Masonry in that district which comprises the following Chapters: Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton; St. Clair, No. 75, Milton; White Oak, No. 104, Oakville. After my election to office I appointed R. E. Comp. Panton district secretary, who accepted, and during the year has aided me in every possible manner.

I have received regularly the notices of convocations from the Scribes E. of the different Chapters, and was consequently kept posted in the work being done in the district.

The returns show an increase of membership, and all the Chapters have done exceedingly well. I regret to report that owing to bereavement I was unable to visit two of the Chapters.

HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, HAMILTON.—I visited this Chapter officially on November 25th, and found a large attendance of members and visitors. I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Panton, E. Comp. Somerville and Comps. Bews, McGibbon and Winn. This Chapter is in a most flourishing condition, financially and otherwise, and still maintains the high standard of efficiency reported by my predecessors. The Companions were honored by the presence of the M. E. the Grand Z., A. Shaw, R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Grand H., M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, and other distinguished Companions. E. Comp. Lannigan conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most creditable manner, assisted by R. E. Comp. George Moore. The rendition of the mystical lecture by R. E. Comp. George Moore could not be excelled, and was commended by the Grand Z. I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers for the ensuing year.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—Owing to the death of my brother, I was unable to visit St. John's Chapter on the date arranged. R. E. Comp. McAllister, Scribe E., kindly sent me his report, and from the statistics

I find that this Chapter is keeping up to its high state of efficiency and steady growth of membership. I may say that a Chapter which has among its members so many worthy Past E. Companions, can hardly fail to do good work.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—I had arranged to visit White Oak Chapter on December 6th, but was prevented by adverse circumstances, and R. E. Comp. George Moore was kind enough to act for me with R. E. Comp. Davis as acting secretary. R. E. Comp. Davis in his report states that this Chapter is in good shape financially, and that the books are kept in an excellent manner, and no doubt the Companions have made no mistake in re-electing E. Comp. Joyce as Scribe E.

R. E. Comp. Moore presided during the election of officers.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I visited St. Clair officially on December 29th. As this is my mother Chapter, and I attend nearly every meeting, I have frequent opportunities of seeing the officers at work. The three Principals are not residents of the town, the First Principal residing in Toronto, and the Second and Third in Acton. When the roads are bad it is often difficult to get the officers together. As there are several Past Principals here who are all good workmen, and are ready to assist at any time, the meetings are held quite regularly. New members are being added to the roll, of these a number are residents of the town, improving the prospects of a good attendance and an effective working of the Chapter, which is in a fairly prosperous condition.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE E. SITZER,

Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

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Hiram.....		2 Hamilton.....	12	2	14	37		63.00	230	14	9	2	1	2	2	236	9	11	13	4		\$	4,563.55	\$	3,913.55	\$	650.00	\$	110.00	\$	566.66	\$	45.00	Good.	Yes.
St. John's.....		6 Hamilton.....	12	1	13	26		83.00	216	13	11	1	2	5	221	11	10	9	74	100.00		\$	3,700.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	700.00	\$	195.00		88.00	200.00		Good.	Yes.
White Oak.....		104 Oakville.....	9	16													4	3	3													Good.	Yes.		
St. Clair.....		75 Milton.....	7	2	9	10		13.00	33	4	3	2	2		34	3	3	3	11	20.00		\$	345.00		45.00	\$	300.00		59.25	200.00		Good.	No.		

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, I have the honor to present my report as to the condition of the various Chapters in this district. I take the keenest pleasure in reporting that I have been able to visit every Chapter in the district and find harmony and peace prevailing throughout. All the Chapters are doing excellent work, and thanks to the valiant efforts put forth by my predecessors in office, I find that this work has been done with uniformity and regularity. During the past year there has been a steady increase in the membership of this district, as the returns will show, and the enthusiasm and zeal which prevails among the various Chapters, will of a certainty insure a similar good result for the following years. I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the Scribes E. of the various Chapters for the punctual and regular manner in which they forwarded to me all notices of meetings.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, No. 50, WALKERTON.—My official visit to this Chapter was paid on the evening of April 28. I was accompanied on this visit by R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins. I was most cordially welcomed by R. E. Comp. R. C. Cheswright and other members of the Chapter. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition and has every prospect of becoming one of the most prosperous in this district. The Royal Arch degree was exceedingly well exemplified, and showed the members to be zealous and enthusiastic workers in the cause of Capitular Masonry. The Scribe E., R. E. Comp. R. C. Cheswright, who is painstaking in the duty of his office, has his books kept in an orderly and neat manner. After the work of the evening, a pleasant hour was spent at the festive board.

CHANNY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—On April 29, in company with R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins, I visited this Chapter and must say that I found it doing excellent work. This is a young Chapter, but I found their rooms well equipped with all necessary

furniture, and besides, they are free from all debt. Capitular Masonry has to all appearances gained a strong hold in this place, and if the same energy and vitality is sustained, no doubt it will be one of the largest and best Chapters in this district in a few years. The M. M. M. degree was most faultlessly exemplified by E. Comp. Dr. Scott and officers. The books are neatly kept by Scribe E., T. H. Burns. They not only proved themselves to be earnest workers, but good entertainers, for after the work was over, a few pleasant hours were spent around the festive board, interspersed with song and speech, until the "wee sma' oors ayont the twal."

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—On May 17th, I visited Huron Chapter, No. 30. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the M. E. M. degree, which was faultlessly conferred by E. Comp. Bro. Dickenson and officers, who are exceedingly well qualified for their respective positions. I was extremely well pleased with the impressiveness and solemnity in which this degree was conferred, and I believe I may say I never before saw it conferred in such an impressive manner. This Chapter is composed of members who have shown zeal, fidelity and a most enthusiastic interest in all matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry. I examined the books of the painstaking Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, and found them correctly kept. At the conclusion of the meeting, we were ushered into a beautifully furnished banquet hall and invited to partake of a daintily prepared repast. When the tables were cleared we were entertained by a few well-rendered songs by members from Southampton and Goderich. Thus the evening was spent in the enjoyment of which everyone present voted it a most instructive and sociable time.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—I visited this Chapter officially on May 18th, which was a very wet and rather cold evening, but notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, there was a large attendance of members and Companions from Brussels and other places, which showed their zeal and interest in all matters concerning Capitular Masonry. The M. M. M. degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner by the officers of this Chapter. The work is well done and as there are

such well-known members as E. Comp. Dr. Tamlyn, E. Comp. Rev. Mr. Low and others, it could hardly be otherwise. Here as in other places, I was royally entertained in their well-equipped banquet room. I cannot close this report without thanking E. Comp. Dr. Tamlyn for his kindness in granting me an emergent meeting to enable me to visit Kincardine the following day. I found his books neatly and correctly kept.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, NO. 63, KINCARDINE.—I arranged to visit this Chapter officially on May 19th, and on my arrival had the extreme pleasure of meeting some of my former acquaintances, who on this as well as previous occasions, treated me with the utmost kindness and consideration. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified to the entire satisfaction of all present, and in a very impressive manner, and reflects credit on those who took part in it, they having given great care to its preparation. Indeed, I may say that this Chapter cannot be anything else but good with such men at the helm as R. E. Comp. R. D. Hall and E. Comp. Wm. Hay. I cannot close this report without thanking very heartily Scribe E., M. J. Macpherson for his kindness in sending me all communications in connection with the Chapter. After the duties of the evening we were royally entertained to a sumptuous repast, presided over by E. Comp. Wm. Hay. When the tables were cleared, most instructive addresses were delivered on Capitular Masonry by R. E. Comp. R. D. Hall, R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins, E. Comp. W. Hay, after which several well-rendered songs were given by the members. Thus the evening and a portion of the morning was taken up, after which all dispersed with "Auld Lang Syne."

ELLIOT CHAPTER, NO. 129, MITCHELL.—I visited this Chapter on June 7th, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree upon three candidates. The degree was beautifully and faultlessly conferred by R. E. Comp. Bro. Elliot, who, I must say, has Masonry down to a fine point, and both he and all the other officers were most accurate in the smallest detail. This Chapter's work is of a very high order, which no doubt accounts for its large membership and the affluence of its circumstances. The Scribe E., E. Comp. Bro. Dunbar, is care-

ful, energetic and painstaking in the performance of the duties which are laid upon him and has his books kept in a most satisfactory manner. A number of the Companions from Moncton were present, and after a most enjoyable time spent in the Chapter room, we repaired to the restaurant, where a generous repast was provided and much enjoyed by those present. After the inner man was thoroughly satisfied, an hour or so was spent in song and speech, closing with a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—My visit to this Chapter was a most enjoyable one. This Chapter is the strongest in the district, and is possessed of a most excellent staff of officers, who have both zeal and ability and take the greatest pride in rendering the work in such an impressive manner, that it cannot fail to leave a deep impression on the minds of the candidates. I had the pleasure of witnessing the M. M. M. degree exemplified by the officers, which was beautifully done, the subordinate officers also doing their share to keep up the good reputation of the Chapter. The books are neatly kept by R. E. Comp. J. Russell Stewart. The Companions are to be complimented on their spacious, comfortable and well-equipped Chapter hall. The Companions of Tecumseh Chapter not only know how to do good work, but also prove themselves able to entertain, as a plentiful repast was provided, after which there was a good programme consisting of addresses and vocal music. I cannot conclude this report without thanking R. E. Comp. J. R. Stewart for his kindness and consideration in sending me so promptly notices of all regular convocations of this Chapter.

HURON CHAPTER, NO. 30, GODERICH.—I visited this Chapter for the second time on July 8th, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree on two candidates by E. Comp. Dickinson, and on this, as well as on former occasions, I was particularly well pleased to see that the work had in no way deteriorated from the former high standard I had formed of it as the thorough and efficient manner in which E. Comp. Dickinson did his work was a model for all present. After the business was transacted, all adjourned to the dining hall to partake of a

well-prepared repast. A good programme followed, consisting of speeches from R. E. Comp. Radcliffe, E. Comp. Dickinson, R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins and others, interspersed with songs by the members, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

MALLOCH CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFORTH.—I visited this Chapter officially on Nov. 21st. This is my own Chapter. I have had many opportunities of becoming acquainted with the work done. This Chapter is opened punctually, and the work done thoroughly by the officers, who are experienced, enthusiastic, and zealous in Capitular Masonry. It is a very rare thing to see any officer not in his place. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon six candidates by E. Comp. O. Neil. The degree was well prepared, well rendered, beautifully exemplified and impressively given, Principal H., Principal Z. and Principal Sojourner doing their part in a most efficient manner, as also the other officers. The books of this Chapter are neatly and correctly kept by V. E. Comp. R. S. Hays, who is a most zealous officer. The Chapter is prosperous and will continue to do so, as long as its members show such zeal and determination to forward its cause. The Chapter is also in a good financial condition. After the business of the evening was finished, we repaired to the refreshment room, where we spent a pleasant hour or so together.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, NO. 46, ST. MARY'S.—I visited this Chapter officially in company with R. E. Comp. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, on the evening of Nov. 28, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon one candidate by E. Comp. A. Carman and R. E. Comp. H. P. Sharp. The degree was faultlessly conferred. E. Comp. Carman was ably assisted by second Principal H., H. A. L. White; Third Principal J., J. G. Constable, and Principal Sojourner A. Willard, and the rest of the officers doing their parts most thoroughly to keep up the good reputation of this Chapter, which is doing excellent work, having quite a few initiations lately, and all the members show themselves to be most enthusiastic. They have several applications on hand. The secretary Comp. James Donald, who has just been appointed, I am sure, will make a most efficient officer. Although only a month or so in office,

his books are neatly and correctly kept. After the work of the evening was done, a pleasant time was spent around the festive board, and after the inner man was satisfied, a good programme was introduced, and most instructive addresses on Capitular Masonry by R. E. Comp. H. P. Sharp, Col. H. A. L. White and E. Comp. A. Carman, R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins and others. R. E. Comp. H. P. Sharp, E. Comp. A. Carman and Col. White, in vigorous speeches, testified to the grand work the Companions of St. James' Chapter had accomplished since its formation, and the intense zeal and enthusiasm always exhibited by the Companions. Thus the evening and a portion of the morning was spent to the delight of all. Then all departed to their homes after a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

BERNARD CHAPTER, U. D., LISTOWEL.—On Dec. 14th I had the pleasure of visiting Listowel and instituting Bernard Chapter, under dispensation, in company with R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins. The M. M. M. degree was faultlessly conferred upon seven candidates by E. Comp. E. C. Thornton and R. E. Comp. Rev. G. W. Hodgins, who installed the officers of this new Chapter. The Chapter has also fifteen applications on hand. The Companions of Listowel are to be congratulated on their beautiful and comfortable apartments, and I think I am safe in saying that Bernard Chapter is in good hands and is sure to succeed. After the business of the evening was over we were royally entertained, and after many excellent addresses on Capitular Masonry by E. Comp. E. C. Thornton, E. Comp. H. B. Morphy, Comp. J. C. Clark, P. S., and R. E. Comp. G. W. Hodgins, the newly initiated members, and after a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne," all dispersed.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, U. D., LUCKNOW.—On January 5th I had the pleasure of visiting Lucknow Chapter and instituting same under dispensation. I also installed the officers, after which the M. M. M. degree was beautifully exemplified by E. Comp. Harry Days and other officers on four candidates, after which many excellent addresses were delivered on Capitular Masonry by E. Comps. Hugh Morrison, Dr. Garden, R. R. McLeod and others. They have eleven applications on hand. The Companions of

Lucknow are to be congratulated on their beautiful regalia and also on their comfortable hall. Lucknow Chapter has an excellent staff of officers and is bound to succeed. It is in good hands.

After the business of the evening was over we repaired to the hotel, where a bounteous repast was provided, and after supplying the inner man and a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne," all dispersed.

In closing I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the general courtesy extended to me by the brethren of the various Chapters, whose cordial hospitality I have fully enjoyed and to whom I offer the assurance of my deepest esteem, and express the hope that the kindness and brotherly love, which has for many years been a distinguishing feature of all the Companions, may continue to dominate in "Old Huron" as the years are passing on.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. COOPER,
Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district for year 1904.

Through a succession of unfortunate circumstances I was not installed as District Superintendent until the 13th day of May last, which fact, in conjunction with the fact that the Chapters in the district called off during the summer months, retarded my work and prevented me from making as many visits as I wished. I was able, however, to visit all the Chapters with one exception, namely, Grimsby, No. 69, the reason for not visiting which will appear later in my report.

I am pleased to be able to report that Capitular Masonry in this district is on the whole in a healthy and prosperous condition, which is evidenced to some extent by an increase of 80 members. The result is largely due to the efforts of my predecessor in office, R. E. Comp. Bottomley, whose policy of bringing the different Chapters together and whose assiduity in the discharge of his duties, combined to create an interest and enthusiasm which has resulted in the material progress of the order in this district. Nor did the interest of the R. E. Comp. cease when his term of office expired. He still continued to make and enjoy frequent visits to the Chapters, and I had the pleasure of having his presence and assistance on several occasions.

In compliance with the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I made it a point to enquire as to the presentation of the new constitution to candidates, and found that the practice of so doing was followed throughout the district.

Pursuant to a further request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I exhibited the S. W. to the different Chapters, excepting one, and found that this was needed and that the Companions appreciated the exemplification of the same as well as the object sought to be attained.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—
I visited this Chapter on the evening of the 21st October

last. There was a respectable attendance. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the Chapter upon this occasion. Among the officers installed was E. Comp. J. A. Marquis as Second Principal. The Excellent Companion has been long associated with the Craft, and his installation was a pleasing feature of my visit. The M. M. M. degree was conferred at this convocation, and the officers and members demonstrated their ability to confer the degree in a creditable manner. At the time of my visit a new convocation room was being prepared, which, when completed, will be a credit to the district. As showing the progress being made by this Chapter, I might mention that no less than twelve applications for membership were received on the evening of my visit. If the present interest is maintained by the Companions, the Chapter certainly has a promising future.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, NO. 19, DUNNVILLE.—I was present at all, excepting one, of the Convocations held by this Chapter during my year of office. This being my mother Chapter, I would refrain from saying much concerning it. The Chapter is in very fair condition. Numerous applications are in sight at the time of writing. Without doubt, with the spirit of progressiveness which imbues a large number of the members of the Chapter, and the new material on hand, the Chapter may be expected to thrive.

The deaths of R. E. Comp. Parry, R. E. Comp. Braund and E. Comp. Lattimore, during the year were greatly to be deplored, and their loss has been much felt by the Companions.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, NO. 55, NIAGARA.—A visit was paid by me to this Chapter on the 30th of June, when it was my privilege as well as pleasure to meet the M. E. the Grand Z. and the R. E. the Grand H. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. R. G. Murray and the officers of Mount Nebo Chapter, of Niagara Falls, in a creditable manner. Nothing could exceed the hospitality shown by Niagara Chapter on this occasion. The arrangements were in every respect complete, the surroundings charming, the weather delightful and my visit in every way enjoyable. The Companions exhibited a

spirit of friendliness and hospitality that would have made a less elaborate function pleasurable. In addition to the Grand officers present and the officers of Mount Nebo, it was also my good fortune to meet E. Comp. Rev. Gabriel Johnstone, V. E. Comp. D. Ross, and Comps. William Wilson and Wells, of Willson Chapter, Welland; E. Comps, Gourlay and Swayze, of Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, and others. The occasion was taken advantage of to present R. E. Comp. Bottomley with a Past Grand Superintendent's regalia, a fitting tribute to the worth of one who during his term of office, worked so earnestly and assiduously in the interests of the order.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—This Chapter was visited by me on the 6th January, 1905. Owing to the fact that a large number of its members are mariners, whose avocation prevents their regular attendance except during the winter months, and in deference to the wishes of the officers of the Chapter, I made it the last visit on my list. It unfortunately happened that on the evening of my visit there was being held a social function of an important nature in the town which detracted to some extent from the attendance at the Convocation. Nevertheless, there was a fair attendance, and if the material absent was in no degree inferior to that present—and I have every reason for believing that it was not—King Hiram Chapter, if not numerically strong, is strong in point of intellect and excellent Masonic qualities. It happened that there was no work on, but the ordinary work of the Chapter was well conducted. Much credit is due to E. Comp. Thos. J. O'Neill, P. Z., the present Scribe E. of the Chapter, and now holding that position, for his successful efforts in keeping the Chapter together.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—This Chapter I visited on the evening of the 7th December last, when I had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and amongst them R. E. Comp. I. P. Willson, one of the fathers of Masonry in the district, whose interest in the Craft by no means wanes with added years. The R. A. degree was excellently conferred by E. Comp. the Rev. Gabriel Johnstone, and, notwithstanding that some of the other officers who participate prominently in the

conferring of this degree, were unavoidably absent, the work was creditably done. The attendance was good, the Companions seemed to be harmonious, and the occasion concluded with an appetizing supper, which I refer to more particularly because it gave me an opportunity of listening to a most eloquent speech by the E. Z. of the Chapter, Comp. Johnstone, who elaborated upon the true spirit and broadness of Masonry and its well-founded principles. Most felicitous, too, were the remarks of R. E. Comp. Willson along the same lines. I can truly say of this Chapter, that it is thriving and has lost none of its old-time vigor.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, NO. 69, GRIMSBY.—I endeavored to arrange my visit to this Chapter in September, but, after some correspondence, finding that a visit that month would cause some inconvenience to the Companions, arranged my visit for the regular meeting in October. Unfortunately I was taken ill at the time and could not be present. Fortunately, on the other hand, R. E. Comp. Bottomley happened to visit the Chapter that evening, so that the Companions had no real grounds for disappointment. He reported to me that the M. M. M. degree was worked to the standard of excellence which this Chapter bears the reputation for, and that he spent, and I missed, a most enjoyable evening. I hoped to visit this Chapter before my term of office expired, but my engagements have been of such a nature as to preclude my doing so.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, NO. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—This Chapter I visited on the evening of the 16th December. Notwithstanding other attractions in the town that evening, there was an excellent attendance. It was a Convocation for the installation of officers. The officers were installed by R. E. Comp. Bottomley—whom I was glad once again to meet—with some slight assistance from myself. Owing to the absence of the candidates the degree which it had been intended to confer was not given, but as I had already seen the Companions of this Chapter work, I was quite satisfied with their capabilities in that direction. Well officered and with a large membership, this is a Chapter than which a better could scarcely be. Its progress has been, without exaggeration, re-

markable. I cannot say that there is any room for improvement. More it would be impossible to say.

I cannot close without thanking the Companions of the district for the honor conferred by them upon me in electing me their district Superintendent, and for the consideration with which they treated me during my term of office. I wish also to thank the Scribes E. of the Chapters throughout the district for their work and assistance. The work of a Scribe E. is laborious and sometimes almost thankless, but there is no officer of a Chapter who is more necessary for its existence and essential to its welfare.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ECCLES,

Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this district.

During the year I officially visited every Chapter in the district, many of them twice, and some even more. At the commencement of the year I visited each Chapter of the district for the purpose of becoming familiar with its workings. On my second visitations I began to get the Chapters to adopt a uniformity in their work, which I am glad to say, has been achieved, for all the Chapters of the district are now working as closely to "uniformity of work" as possibly could be expected.

Three Chapters of Instruction were held during the year, each of which was well attended; considerable interest being taken in the conferring of the degrees and the explanations which followed were apparently appreciated by all the Companions present.

There have been during the year instituted, with the brightest of prospects, two new Chapters, Shekinah Chapter, of Toronto Junction, and St. Patrick Chapter, of Toronto. In some respects the past year will be a unique one in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District, as will be seen from a perusal of the visitations made by me, and a summary of what has transpired at the Convocations of the Chapters.

My district secretary, E. Comp. H. S. King, has been most indefatigable in his efforts to assist me in the discharge of my official duties. He has, with one or two exceptions, been with me on every occasion that I have visited any of the Chapters of the district.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S, No. 4, TORONTO.—My first official visit was February the 19th, to my mother Chapter, the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4. I was introduced by E. Comp. Jas. G. Boyce in a happy manner, and was cordially welcomed by the First Principal E. Comp. Walter H. Blight. Among others present to greet me were: R. E. Comps. J.

Wesley Jones, P. T. Lee, E. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, and several First Principals from Toronto Chapters. On the 20th May the Past Z's. conferred the Royal Arch degree in a highly satisfactory manner, with E. Comp. W. P. Sutton in the chair. This Companion has since died and in his death the Chapter has lost a devoted member.

A district Chapter of Instruction was held on the 21st October, under the auspices of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, which was a most successful event, there being fully 175 Companions in attendance, among them being: M. E. Comps. A. Shaw, Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., as well as many of the principal officers of the Chapters of the district. The M. M. M. degree was exemplified by the officers of Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge, with E. Comp. Dr. D. A. Clark in the chair, E. Comp. V. M. Hare as S.W., and Comp. J. H. Chinn as J. W. The exemplification showed that the officers had taken great pains in perfecting themselves in the details of the work of the degree. Every Companion in attendance was presented with a Chapter Mark penny as a souvenir of the occasion.

The M. E. M. degree was exemplified by the officers of Shekinah Chapter, Toronto Junction, with E. Comp. Dr. G. W. Clendenan in the chair and E. Comps. Jas. A. Ellis and J. R. Royce as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The floor work of this degree, which in many of the Chapters difficulty is found in having it properly carried out, was exceedingly well done. Every officer showed that he had devoted considerable time in the preparation of his part. Comp. J. C. Smith, who had charge of the musical portion of the degree, displayed excellent taste in the way he managed the singing.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.—Was visited by me on the 23rd of February. Among those present were: R. E. Comps. Geo. C. Patterson, Alexander Patterson, and E. Comp. E. M. Carleton. The M. E. M. degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner, with E. Comp. Wm. Cooper in the chair. On May the 25th, I was again present at this Chapter and saw the M. M. M. degree well conferred with E. Comp. Wm. Stinson in the chair. On this occasion the new and costly robes, which had been presented to the Chapter by the

officers, were worn. There were about sixty Companions present. I again visited this Chapter on the 25th October, and found everything connected with its workings in a high state of efficiency. This Chapter has a Mark penny which it presents to every candidate advanced. On several occasions when I visited this Chapter, the room was profusely decorated with cut flowers, as well as the tables in the banqueting hall, and on my visits I was the recipient of many beautiful bouquets from the Companions.

DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET, was attended by me on May 4th, when the M. M. M. degree was conferred, with E. Comp. A. Coombs in the chair. When I was commenting on the degree work, a number of questions were asked for explanation, which showed that an interest had been taken in the proceedings of the evening. This convocation was a most successful one, there being fully sixty Companions in attendance, a number of them being from Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge. Among those present were: R. E. Comps. T. H. Brunton, P. T. Lee, E. Comps. Dr. A. Webb, Dr. D. A. Clark, Uxbridge; H. S. King and L. Atkinson. A few years ago this Chapter was far from being in a flourishing condition, but now its prospects are exceedingly good:

YORK CHAPTER, NO. 62; EGLINTON, was visited on the 7th April, and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred with E. Comp. Wm. Duncan presiding, and he was ably assisted in the exemplification of the degree by R. E. Comp. R. W. Hull, who did the Principal Sojourner's work. I again attended this Chapter on December the 1st, upon the night of election, and found peace and harmony prevailing among the Companions. On this occasion \$25 was voted to a Companion who needed assistance and Past Z's. jewels were voted to E. Comps. R. J. Gibson and Wm. Duncan. This Chapter during the past year or two has become financially and otherwise in an excellent condition.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, NO. 65, TORONTO.—I attended on the 9th March, for the purpose of making a presentation on behalf of the district to R. E. Comp. James Bicknell, the immediate Past Grand Superintendent.

Every Chapter in the district was represented by one of its principal officers. The M. E. M. degree was exceedingly well conferred with E. Comp. F. C. Snider in the chair.

At the re-union of old members on the 13th April, the Royal Arch degree was conferred in an able manner, many of the old stand-bys of the Chapter being present. A Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of this Chapter on the 12th October, at which there were fully 75 Companions present, all of the Chapters of the district being represented. Seldom, if ever, has the Royal Arch degree been more impressively and effectively exemplified than it was on this occasion by the officers of St. Paul's Chapter. Every detail of the degree had been carefully thought out and admirably attended to in its exemplification. E. Comps. Dr. H. B. Anderson, F. C. Snider and S. B. Sykes, First, Second and Third Principals, respectively, as well as the Principal Sojourner, Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, displayed much ability in the rendering of their several parts of the degree work.

A "Family Party," as it was termed, was held by St. Paul's Chapter on the 9th November, for the purpose of honoring R. E. Comp. Benjamin Allen, upon his election to the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, when an illuminated address in album form was presented to him. It was a delightful function, bringing as it did fully one hundred Companions of the Chapter together, many of whom had not been within its portals for many years. Among those present were: R. E. Comps. Wm. Roaf, Grand H.; James Bicknell, Dr. A. F. Webster, Aubrey White, C. W. Postlethwaite, B. Saunders, W. Geo. Eakins, V. E. Comps, F. W. Harcourt, John McKnight and W. S. S. Jackson, E. Comps. E. B. Brown, Geo. Kappele, and C. R. W. Postlethwaite.

In December I was again present at this Chapter, when the Grand Z. was in attendance. A unique feature of this gathering was that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, introduced the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, to the assembled Companions. This Chapter is in the highest state of efficiency and doing excellent work in upholding the dignity of the Royal Craft in the district.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, No. 77, TORONTO, was visited by me on the 11th March, when the M. M. M. degree was presented in an able manner for my inspection, with E. Comp. H. G. Brown in the chair. At this gathering V. E. Comp. John Drew, Grand Organist, was the recipient of a handsome set of Grand Chapter regalia. I attended this Chapter on April the 8th, when the Grand First Principal officially announced the several changes in the secret work. The M. E. M. degree, with E. Comp. R. W. Brennan in the chair, was conferred, as the Grand Z. said, "in a highly satisfactory manner." The officers of the Chapter wore for the first time beautifully embroidered robes.

A pleasant event took place at Occident Chapter on the 13th May, when R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett was presented with a solid leather steamer trunk by myself, on behalf of many of the Companions of the district, on the eve of his going to tour the old lands.

Occident Chapter, on the 27th October, held a most successful smoker. This Chapter takes pride in the entertainments provided at its festive board, and during the past year has made splendid progress under the guidance of E. Comp. Fred. Prince, the First Principal.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, TORONTO, was visited on the 24th March. The M. M. M. degree was creditably conferred with E. Comp. Jas. MacFarlane in the chair, owing to the illness of the First Principal, E. Comp. Gilbert Gilmour. Among those present were: R. E. Comps. Geo. Mason and E. H. Briggs. In September I was present and saw the M. M. M. degree again well exemplified by the Past Z's. with Comp. Dr. Foster in the chair. This Chapter has a Scribe E., E. Comp. F. H. Anderson, who is exceedingly prompt in all his dealings with the affairs of the Chapter. Orient Chapter has a Mark penny which is given to all candidates advanced, and has also a nicely prepared life membership certificate for its members.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—On the 19th March I was present at Antiquity Chapter and witnessed the M. M. M. degree conferred in good form with E. Comp. R. E. Port in the chair. On October charges of irregu-

larities in the admission of candidates against three of the officers of the Chapter were laid, and after an investigation the Grand Z. directed me to have the First and Third Principals and the Scribe E. apologize in open Chapter for the irregularities committed, which apologies were given and accepted by me on behalf of the Grand Z. Subsequently a complaint was made to the Grand Z., through me, as to the action the Third Principal took relating to the last election of the officers of the Chapter. This complaint, at the writing of this report, is still under investigation. A Chapter of Instruction was held on the 21st November, under the auspices of Antiquity Chapter, when the Royal Arch degree, with E. Comp. F. E. Luke in the chair, was exemplified with full banner and centre floor equipment, which greatly added to the impressiveness of the degree. About seventy Companions were present, among them being: M. E. Comp. D. Ross, R. E. Comps. W. J. A. Lake, P. T. Lee, E. Comps. Wm. Porteous, Wm. Bain, E. C. Davies and Robt. Ross.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, NO. 135, UXBRIDGE, was visited by me on the 4th April. I was accompanied from Toronto by Comp. A. Maccomb. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. E. Comp. D. A. Clark presided, and he was ably assisted in the work by E. Comp. V. M. Hare, Comp. W. S. Ormiston and others. In September I attended this Chapter again, and was greeted by a large number of Companions, when the Royal Arch degree was again exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. The officers of this Chapter believe in sharing their success and enjoyment with their families and friends, and therefore on this occasion had invited the wives, daughters and lady friends of the Companions to join with them at the festive board. The tables were profusely decorated with palms and cut flowers for the occasion. There were fully eighty sat down to an excellent menu. The evening will long be remembered by all who were present. This Chapter exemplified the M. M. M. degree at a Chapter of Instruction, which is referred to in connection with the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, U. D., TORONTO JUNCTION, was instituted May the 10th, under the most favorable cir-

cumstances. There were fully one hundred Companions in attendance, among them being: M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand Z.; R. E. Comps. Wm. Roaf, Grand H.; Geo. J. Bennett, Grand S. E.; W. J. A. Lake, Grand Regr.; V. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, Grand M. of 4th V.; John Drew, Grand Organist, and representatives from all the Chapters of the district. The Chapter started with a membership of thirty-four. I officially visited this Chapter, of which I have been made an honorary member, on the 11th October, and found the officers all qualified and capable of doing excellent ritualistic work. The three principal officers, E. Comps. Jas. A. Ellis, G. W. Clendenan and J. R. Royce, are enthusiastic Masons and the Chapter's future is bright. This Chapter exemplified the M. E. M. degree at a Chapter of Instruction, mention of which is made in connection with the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John.

ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, U. D., TORONTO.—Another new Chapter, known as St. Patrick Chapter, was added to the district on the 28th December. It was instituted in the Temple Building, Toronto, but will meet in Georgina Lodge room, College Street. The inauguration of this Chapter created much attention throughout the district. Among the distinguished Companions who took part in the opening proceedings were: M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Z.; M. E. Comp. D. Ross, P.G.Z.; R. E. Comps. Wm. Roaf, Grand H.; Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E.; W. J. A. Lake, Grand Registrar; V. E. Comp. John Drew, Grand Organist; R. E. Comps. Geo. Moore, of Hamilton; J. B. Nixon, Geo. C. Patterson, E. H. Briggs, P. T. Lee, and Wm. Simpson, Past Grand Chapter officers. There were over 300 Masons in attendance, many of them coming a long distance to be present at the inauguration ceremony. Every Chapter in the Toronto district was officially represented by one or more of its principal officers. The new Chapter has a complete outfit for the conferring of the degrees, which was procured at great expense. It started with a charter membership of twenty-five, and there were 105 candidates advanced to the M. M. M. Probably no other Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has ever been opened under more favorable auspices. The three principal officers, E. Comp. H. A. Collins, Z;

J. A. Cowan, H.; and Geo. W. McQuillan, J., are well-known enthusiastic Masonic workers, and I anticipate great prosperity for this Chapter.

My reception during the year, throughout the district, was most cordial, and I thank the Companions for their many acts of kindness towards me.

With proper care in the selection of officers in the Chapters, and if the same interest is still taken in the ritualistic work that I have noticed during the past few months, then the future of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto district for many years to come is fully assured.

All of which is sincerely and fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,

Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Bene'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?	
St. Andrew and St. John.....	4 Toronto.....	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
King Solomon's	8 Toronto.....	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Doric.....	60 Newmarket.....	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
York.....	62 Eglinton.....	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
St. Paul's.....	65 Toronto.....	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Occident.....	77 Toronto.....	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Orient.....	79 Toronto.....	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Antiquity.....	91 Toronto.....	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Succoth.....	135 Uxbridge.....	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
†Shekinah.....	Toronto Junct..	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
†St. Patrick.....	Toronto.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

REMARKS.—* The Withdrawals are Charter Members of Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge. † New Chapters. ‡ Not Fixed.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9:—

It is with great satisfaction that I am able to report having visited all the Chapters of this district and found all of them, without exception, doing good work. They are: Manitou, No. 27; Signet, No. 34; Georgian, No. 56; Grand River, No. 70; Macpherson, No. 86; St. John's, No. 103; and Amabel, No. 131.

MANITOU, NO. 27, COLLINGWOOD.—I visited this Chapter on April 29th, 1904, when there was a large attendance, the E. Z. presiding. The R. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very impressive manner, and before the Chapter closed, the long services of R. E. Comp. Carpenter were recognized by his receiving a gift of a Grand Chapter collar and jewel, which I had the pleasure of presenting to him on behalf of his Chapter. The books of this Chapter are well and correctly kept by the S. E., Comp. C. T. Stephens. It was gratifying to see so many of the older members present, among whom were R. E. Comps. Toner, Gregory and Nettleton.

SIGNET CHAPTER, NO. 34, BARRIE.—This is my own Chapter, but I have good reason for saying it is still the banner Chapter of the district, and continues to deserve its character for good and efficient work. It has the good fortune to have among its members a goodly number of Past First Principals, who keep up their interest in the Chapter and are able to work when required. I made my official visit on November 8th, 1904, on which occasion the Chapter received a fraternal visit from the officers of Doric Chapter, Newmarket, who conferred the R. A. degree on two candidates. Doric Chapter is to be congratulated on its officers. It would very much improve Masonic matters if such visits were more common. Signet Chapter was honored on this occasion by a visit of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, who expressed his satisfaction with the work; and his visit,

along with that of Doric Chapter, was a source of much good to Signet Chapter. The latter is still the largest Chapter in the district, and is adding to its numbers almost every meeting.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, NO. 56, OWEN SOUND.—The Companions of this Chapter were good enough, in spite of some of their officers being away from home, to hold an emergency meeting, so that I could pay them my official visit on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 17, 1904. The R. A. degree was conferred upon candidates by the E. Z., Comp. W. H. Wright, and the work done by the regular officers was convincing proof that the work of Capitular Masonry is well done in this Chapter; and the attendance, under the circumstances, showed that the Chapter is gaining, not only in quality of its work, but in the enthusiasm of its members. Comp. Jno. Rutherford makes an efficient S. E. and keeps his books in good order.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, NO. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—I visited this Chapter on Aug. 4, 1904. There was a very fair meeting considering the time of year. There was no degree conferred on this occasion, but I am so frequently a visitor at this Chapter that I can assure Grand Chapter that the work of its officers is always well done. The fact that R. E. Comp. I. Huber takes much interest in the affairs, guarantees lively work in this Chapter, and the S. E., Comp. F. Warne, takes care of the records in a very efficient manner.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, NO. 86, MEAFORD.—I was given to understand that this Chapter was not succeeding very well, and I had some difficulty in arranging a meeting. But it turned out that the difficulty was owing to the absence of the S. E., who had left the town, and it was so arranged that I visited the Chapter on Nov. 20, 1904. The M. E. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner by the First Principal, E. Comp. R. F. White, and all the officers worked with enthusiasm. The E. Z. informed me, and he was confirmed by the books, that the Chapter was succeeding well, as well as increasing in membership, and from what I saw of the work, and of the new officers,

who were elected at this meeting, I have every reason to assure Grand Chapter that Macpherson Chapter has the best of prospects for the future. The books being now in the hands of the new S. E., Comp. Hammil, is an assurance of their being well and correctly kept.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 103, NORTH BAY.—This Chapter was visited on Aug. 5, 1904, the Companions, like those of Grand River, No. 70, Bracebridge, holding an emergent meeting in the holidays to accommodate their district Superintendent. There was a large meeting and the degree work was very creditably performed by the E. Z. and his assistants. This Chapter has a goodly number of young, enthusiastic Companions, ensuring a good supply of competent workers for some time to come. I am sorry to hear that this Chapter has lately suffered some loss by fire, but I do not know any particulars. The books are well and correctly kept.

AMABEL CHAPTER, NO. 131, WIARTON.—Though this Chapter was somewhat difficult of access, I was well repaid by my visit, made on Nov. 19th, 1904, by seeing so large a number present, and by witnessing such excellent work as was performed by the officers, all of whom were very proficient in their duties. The First Principal, E. Comp. S. E. Foster is to be congratulated on his work and that of his assistants. Two candidates were exalted to the R. A. degree. The S. E. Comp. S. W. Cross, keeps the books in good form. This Chapter, judging from the work and the enthusiastic spirit of its members, has a bright future before it.

From what I have learned in my visits, and from the notices sent me by the various Scribes, there is every reason to be satisfied that Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, is in a very flourishing condition. All the Chapters are working well and successfully, and the officers are in possession of the correct manner of imparting the esoteric work of the degrees, uniformity in this matter prevailing throughout the district.

In conclusion, I must express my gratitude to all the Companions of the district for their unfailing kindness and courtesy to me, wherever I was received—a kindness and courtesy shown not only by their treatment when

present at their meetings, but more especially in their arranging of meetings for me, sometimes at considerable inconvenience. The pleasure I have felt in connection with the office of Grand Superintendent has been greatly enhanced by this treatment, as well as by the fact that harmony prevailing throughout the district, I have had to perform no duty having the slightest unpleasantness.

Finally, I can assure to my successor a district in excellent condition.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. HALLETT,

Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.		Number.																			
			Regular Meetings.																			
			Emergent.																			
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			Average Attendance Members.																			
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			Annual Dues, per Member.																			
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			Prospects.																			
			Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?																			
Manitou.....	27 Collingwood....	10	2 12 20	1 1.50	79 15 13	2	1	89 13 12 11 17	\$	300.25	\$	150.25	\$	150.00	\$	117.51	\$	150.00	\$	5.00	Good.	Yes.
Signet.....	34 Barrie.....	10	10 22	3 2.00	152 25 17	1	6	2 163 17 20 20 32 25.00	1,245.80	845.80	400.00	196.00	300.00	400.00	245.00	200.00	15.00	Very good	Yes.			
Georgian.....	56 Owen Sound...	10	2 12 17	1 1.20	79 15 15			94 15 15 17 58	202.00	202.00								Good.	Yes.			
Grand River...	70 Bracebridge....	9	2 11 11	7 2.00	53 10 12	2	3	1 59 12 12 11 12 17.50	550.00	250.00	300.00	39.92	150.00				15.00	Very good	Yes.			
Macpherson....	86 Meaford.....																					
St. John's.....	103 North Bay....	12	6 18 20	5 2.40	47 23 16	1		63 20 21 20 21	400.00			60.00	200.00	20.00			Good.	Yes.				
Amabel.....	131 Wiarton.....																					

REMARKS—* Non-Resident Dues, \$1.00.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Canada:

I herewith present my report on the Royal Craft in Ontario District, No. 10, during the year 1904. Peace and harmony have prevailed in all the Chapters.

Two new Chapters have been instituted during my term of office, viz.: St. Andrew's, at Havelock, on June 17th, by the M. E. the Grand Z., who was assisted by R. E. Comps. Murch, Wensley and myself; and Presqu' Isle, at Brighton, on Dec. 13, also by the M. E. the Grand Z., assisted by R. E. Comp. Murch and myself. Both these Chapters have a good start and ought to prosper with the officers and material at their disposal.

To you, M. E. Sir, I owe a deep debt of gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and the very great interest you have taken in the Royal Craft by visiting so many of the Chapters in our district.

I have officially visited all the Chapters except one, viz., St. John's at Cobourg, and I assure you that only elections, bad roads, etc., are to be blamed for this, which I sincerely regret. Most of the Chapters are doing good work both as regards quality and quantity, however some few officers bring too many of their tools into the Chapter. I need not say more than that this should not be done. I regret that so many Chapters show such a large amount of dues outstanding, and advise the Chapters to look after this matter.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—With M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand Z., I visited this Chapter on June 10th, the work of the evening was R. A., and was very well put on. When such enthusiastic Companions as Dr. Might and Jas. Evans take so much interest in the work, then a Chapter must prosper. The prospects of this Chapter are of the best.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER, No. 134, CANNINGTON.—I visited this Chapter on Sept. 30th. The work was the R. A., and I must congratulate the P. S. on his work, likewise the P. Z. on the mystical lecture. The prospects of this Chapter are good.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, NO. 110, WARKWORTH.—Nov. 23rd was the date of my visit, and the work was the M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees, and was well put on by emergency officers owing to so many being absent through political excitement. However, where E. Comp. Humphries has work in hand it is bound to be done well. I had the pleasure of seeing the R. A. worked in 1902 in this Chapter, and was well pleased with it. Prospects are very fair.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, NO. 45, COLBORNE.—At this visit on Dec. 6th, we were again honored by the Grand Z. The work M. M. M. and M. E. M. was all right. This hall deserves special notice owing to a Revd. Companion having displayed his skill by a most beautiful painting of the interior. The prospects are good.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, NO. 94, LINDSAY.—I visited this Chapter on Dec. 15th. The P. Z. and a few others are most enthusiastic, but the bulk of the Companions do not take the interest in the Chapter they should. The S. E. Comp. G. S. Patrick, is very neat with his work, and also prompt. The prospects are brighter for the future.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 35, WHITBY.—Dec. 19th I had a very instructive visit, and great interest is taken in the welfare of this Chapter by so many of the older Companions, especially Comp. Taylor. Prospects ought to be bright.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, NO. 28, OSHAWA.—I received a very warm reception after a drive in a severe snow storm from Whitby, on Dec. 20th. The work was the M. M. M., and showed very great care in the details. E. Comp. Grierson and his officers are all right. Prospects are very good.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—I visited this my mother Chapter on Dec. 23rd. As usual with this important Chapter, as you M. E. Sir can vouch for, the work in all three degrees was perfectly rendered. The S. E. E. Comp. Walkey is known as one of the most enthusiastic and best Masons in this district. The prospects are of the very best.

After work in each case a very pleasant hour was spent around the festive board. Most of the Scribes E. are very exact as regards correspondence, but there are others who are not so particular as they should be.

In conclusion I wish to say that the year in which I was honored as your Grand Superintendent will ever remain as a pleasant memory.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. M. SHAW,

Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings.		Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?	
Pentalpha.....	28 Oshawa.....	9	2	11	16	11	50	61	8	6	1	66	6	5	6	21	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Good.	Yes.	
Keystone.....	35 Whitby.....	7	1	8	14	11	00	75	5	5	2	76	4	5	5	11	650.00	150.00	500.00	41.25	fully	5.00	Good.	Yes.							Fair.	Yes.
Corinthian.....	36 Peterborough...	9	3	12	17	3	00	76	9	8	2	80	8	8	8	7	650.00	150.00	500.00	41.25	fully	5.00	Good.	Yes.							Good.	Yes.
Victoria.....	37 Port Hope.....	12	2	14	26	12	00	65	17	16	2	79	16	15	15	47	318.49	200.00	97.15	300.00	31.00	Very good	Yes.							Very good	Yes.	
Excelsior.....	45 Colborne.....	11	1	12	25	21	00	77	6	6	1	82	6	6	4	40	100.00	.....	70.00	300.00	50.00	Good.	Yes.							Good.	Yes.
St. John's.....	48 Cobourg.....	9	1	10	11	11	00	77	5	5	2	81	5	5	5	24	286.00	61.30	225.00	30.25	175.00	15.00	Good.	Yes.							Good.	Yes.
Midland.....	94 Lindsay.....	110	2	14	12	22	00	15	16	16	31	16	16	15	50.00	275.00	40.00	.....	40.00	200.00	.....	Good.	Yes.							Good.	Yes.
King Darius....	134 Cannington....	4	3	7	12	18	2.00	8	6	.....	14	6	6	6	200	300.00	100.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....	Good.	No.							Good.	No.
St. Andrew's...	u d Havelock.....	1	17	11	7	7	24	7	6	150.00	150.00	Excellent.	No.							Excellent.	No.

REMARKS---* Non-Resident Dues, \$1.50.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11, I have the honor to present my report for the year ending 31st Dec., 1904.

Early in the year I was arranging for a Chapter of Instruction, when M. E. Comp. Shaw, Grand Z., arrived in the city on business. Learning that he would be engaged here for some days, E. Comp. Morden, Z. of Moira Chapter, No. 7, called a special convocation and sent invitations to the First Principals of the Chapters in the district. With the exception of St. Mark's, Trenton, all the Chapters were represented. The M. E. M. degree was correctly exemplified by E. Comp. Wright, Z. of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, assisted by the officers of Moira Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was put on by E. Comp. Morden and his regular staff of officers in an admirable manner, the work of E. Comp. Morden being especially worthy of mention, it being his first attempt.

Before the Chapter was closed the M. E. the Grand Z. addressed the Companions and instructed them in the esoteric work of the different degrees. After the Chapter was closed a banquet was held, and a most enjoyable one it was.

This meeting, held on the 19th of April, I thought, answered the purpose of a Chapter of Instruction, and, I believe that the splendid work done in the district this year is, in a measure, the result of that gathering.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—On the 22nd of June I visited this Chapter. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on six brethren from Madoc, who drove sixteen miles to receive it. This Chapter still labors under the disadvantage of having a large number of non-resident members who do not attend very regularly. The First Principal, Dr. Alger, is an enthusiastic Mason and deserves better support than he gets. The books are kept in good shape and the dues well looked after by R. E. Comp. Halliwell, Scribe E. of the Chapter

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, NO. 26, TRENTON.—I visited Trenton on October the 18th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Robertson and his officers. The work throughout was exceedingly well done, and judging from the interest taken in the work by the Companions the prospects for the future are very bright.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 44, NAPANEE.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 23rd, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Webster and E. Comp. Lattimer, of Moira Chapter. This being election night and having no other work, we repaired to the banqueting room, where a pleasant evening was spent. From the Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Fennell, I learned that the officers are well up in the work and that the Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31, PICTON.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 28th, and again had the pleasure of being accompanied by R. E. Comp. Webster and E. Comp. Lattimer. I also had the pleasure of meeting several Past Grand Superintendents, amongst whom was R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, of Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston. Although a stormy night, there were over one hundred Companions present, which gives a fair idea of the interest taken in the Royal Craft by the members of this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Wright and his officers, in a perfect manner. This Chapter is the largest and most progressive one in the district. Last year this Chapter was the fourth largest under the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. The furnishings of the Chapter room are now complete, a full set of banners having been added this year. The Scribe E., Comp. Graydon, is a model officer, his books being neatly kept and the dues all collected.

MOIRA CHAPTER, NO. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I was requested to pay an official visit to this my own Chapter, which I did on Dec. 5th. I was very cordially received and welcomed by the officers and Companions, amongst whom were R. E. Comps. McGinnis, Webster and Pringle, and V. E. Comp. Bogert. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates in a manner second to no other

Chapter in the district. This Chapter has had an unusual amount of work this year, and as the officers have been re-elected, they will no doubt give a good account of themselves next year.

I am pleased to report that the utmost harmony prevails throughout the district, that the general condition of Capitular Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous state and that the social side of Masonry—"the fourth degree"—is worked to the limit by all the Chapters.

In closing this report I desire to thank the officers and Companions of the district for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me Grand Superintendent, and for the cordial reception given me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted

J. A. PHILLIPS,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward District, No. 11.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	REGULAR MEETINGS.																	SPECIAL MEETINGS.																	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?
			Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.										
Moirs.....	7 Belleville.....	10	3	13	25	5	2.00	\$	98	14	11	...	2	4	2	101	11	9	9	27	\$	350.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	1.00	\$	95.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	15.00	Good.	Yes.		
St. Mark's.....	26 Trenton.....	12	3	15	56	11	11	1	68	11	12	11	11	Bright.	Yes.			
Prince Edward.	31 Picton.....	12	3	15	40	3	1.50	...	161	20	19	1	2	...	6	2	175	19	17	19	...	...	200.00	400.00	...	...	...	...	108.00	...	200.00	14.00	Excellent.	Yes.
Mount Sinai.....	44 Napane.....	10	3	15	14	...	1.50	...	50	6	6	1	1	3	...	1	54	6	6	30	...	25.00	400.00	100.00	300.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes.
Keystone.....	72 Stirling.....	8	...	8	11	...	2	2.00	37	14	10	2	...	1	...	1	47	10	5	3	11	...	...	250.00	100.00	150.00	...	91.00	...	100.00	...	...	Good.	Yes.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Having been elected Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 13, at the last annual convocation of Grand Chapter and having been installed at the February meeting of Bonnechere Chapter by R. E. Comp. W. H. McKay, I have the honor to submit my report of the Royal Craft since I assumed the duties of the office.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, NO. 114, RENFREW.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 21st, and was very cordially received by the officers and Companions. The degree of M. M. M. was conferred in a very creditable manner by E. Comp. John McKay, assisted by an excellent staff of officers. At this Chapter I was pleased to meet R. E. Companions Barr, Cleary, W. H. McKay, P. G. S., and R. E. Comp. Hay, Grand S. N., who have always been enthusiastic Companions and are pillars of strength to Bonnechere Chapter. R. E. Comp. Hay is a painstaking and efficient Scribe, whose books are a credit to him. This Chapter is in splendid shape.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITH'S FALLS.—I visited St. Francis Chapter and on my arrival at Smith's Falls was met by Comp. R. A. Houston, who had kindly waited for my coming, and proceeding to Chapter room, met a large number of Companions of the Chapter. This is the junior Chapter of the district, but I was particularly pleased with the progress made since it was instituted.

The degree of M. E. M. was conferred by E. Comp. Martin and was nicely done, all the officers doing their work creditably. This was also the night for the annual election, and I trust an able set of officers was selected. After the work of the Chapter had been finished, an adjournment was made for what is called "a fourth degree," where a very enjoyable hour was spent. Comp. Houston, S. E., is an excellent officer, having the books and records of the Chapter in perfect shape.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter Dec. 6th, and found a fairly good attendance of the Companions, and was

pleased to meet R. E. Comps. W. B. McArthur and McIntosh, P. G. S., whose enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry never seems to grow less. The degree of M. E. M. was conferred in a perfect manner. Seldom have I had the pleasure of seeing it so well done as by E. Comp. John McLaren, assisted by an able staff of officers. This Chapter is in good condition financially and otherwise. With Comp. Edwards Scribe E., who has everything connected with his books in splendid shape, I feel assured of this Chapter's prosperity.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—Carleton Chapter was visited Dec. 7th, at which a reunion was held, which was visited by a large number of Companions of the district. During the afternoon the degree of M. M. M. was conferred on a number of candidates by E. Comp. Pain, assisted by a very efficient staff of officers. The work was splendidly done. The M. E. M. degree and Royal Arch were afterwards put on in the evening, but I was unable to be present, a circumstance which I regretted very much, as I understand the presiding officers, E. Comp. Garrioch and R. E. Comp. Luke, conferred these degrees in an excellent manner. These reunions held annually by Carleton Chapter should be, and are, a great benefit to the Companions of Ottawa district who avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the work exemplified in a finished manner. The Companions of Carleton Chapter are deserving of a great deal of credit for their untiring efforts in making these meetings so interesting as well as instructive.

GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 61, ALMONTE.—This being my mother Chapter, I did not visit it officially, as I attended almost all the meetings in the year, and always found the work and business done satisfactorily. Through the energy of E. Comp. Steele and officers this Chapter has made good progress during the year, and judging from the officers elected for the ensuing year, with E. Comp. McCarthy as Z., I trust that the work and management of the Chapter is in control of reliable and energetic Companions. The books of this Chapter are well looked after by Comp. R. Lees, Scribe E.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, U. D., MAXVILLE.—One new Chapter has been instituted, viz., Glengarry, at Maxville,

Dec. 16th, at which I was present, and by request of the M. E. the Grand Z., who I regret was unable to be present, I installed the officers. After the ceremony of installation had been completed, the degree of M. M. M. was conferred on a large number of candidates, and judging from the interest shown by the officers and Companions I trust this Chapter will be a decided acquisition.

I have visited all the Chapters in the district with the exception of Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa, as at the time it was suitable for me to visit them the officers were in doubt if a quorum could be secured, as the Companions were somewhat scattered, but I am pleased to see by their report that they are steadily progressing.

In concluding my report I desire to express to the Companions of the district my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me at the last convocation of Grand Chapter, and for their kindly treatment on the occasion of my visits to the different Chapters, and sincerely hope that my humble efforts may result in some measure to the advancement of the cause of Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. S. DODDS,
Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1904. At the beginning of the year there were four Chapters in this district, viz.:—Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur; Golden, No. 90, Rat Portage; Tuscan, No. 95, Sudbury; and Algonquin, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie. A dispensation was granted since to the Comps. at Fort William to form a Chapter. I visited the four Chapters, and to do so had to travel some 1,700 miles.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—My first official visit was to my mother Chapter, Algonquin, No. 102, on the 16th February. Besides the regular officers, there were present R. E. Comps. Knight and Hearst; E. Comps. McRea, Cameron and Judge Johnson, also the officers and a large number of Companions from the R. A. Chapter at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Blank of the same Chapter, to whom Algonquin Chapter owes a debt of gratitude for the assistance he rendered us in our early history. There being no available work, the M. M. M. degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

Owing to the depression in business which prevailed in the town for the past year, Algonquin has not grown numerically compared with the two previous years. Still, Ex. Comp. Campbell and his staff of officers are to be congratulated for having kept up the enthusiasm during this period of depression. They have lately added to their paraphernalia by procuring a set of tribal banners and a new set of robes, together with many other things, which help materially in the proper rendition of the work, and I venture to say that no Chapter in the jurisdiction is better equipped. On December 9th, at the request of Ex. Comp. Campbell, I installed the officers for the ensuing year, and from my personal knowledge of the new officers I know that the Chapter is in safe hands. The prospects for the coming year are very flattering, there being some twelve applications already received.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, NO. 95, SUDBURY.—Accompanied by E. Comp. J. C. Boyd and Comp. Burrows, from the Soo, and E. Comp. Gibson, of Copper Cliff, I visited this Chapter on March 22nd. I found it in a flourishing condition and the Principals are experts at the work. The R. A. degree was conferred on two candidates, in a very impressive manner. I was very pleased to see R. E. Comp. Arthur and V. E. Comp. Reid taking an active interest in assisting the regular officers. The work is done thoroughly in this Chapter, no rushing or railroad-ing candidates through, and never work in more than one degree at the same meeting.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, NO. 90, RAT PORTAGE.—Having made arrangements to be at Port Arthur on May 29th, to attend a Preceptory meeting, I called a meeting of Golden Chapter for June 1st. Unfortunately this happened to be the date of a regular meeting of Pequonga Lodge, but the Companions were resolved on having a meeting and managed to get a well attended one on the afternoon of the 2nd, when I was received in the usual form. The M. M. M. degree was conferred upon a candidate, and although several of the chairs had to be filled by others than the regular officers, the work was thoroughly done. This Chapter, although fairly strong numerically and otherwise, is laboring under a great deal of disadvantage, owing to so many of its members being non-residents. The Chapter, however, is in good hands. R. E. Comps. Ferguson and Chapple are a host in themselves. The work of Comp. Fraser is worthy of notice. In the Chapter and also the M. M. M. Lodge, it was given in such a manner as to make a good impression on any candidate. It would be a good lesson to many indifferent ritualists to hear this Companion.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, NO. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—I visited this Chapter on June 3rd, and was most cordially received. Owing to an accident that happened to their candidate, there was no material on hand, but they exemplified the M. M. M. degree to my entire satisfaction. This Chapter has a fairly complete paraphernalia, and E. Comp. McKibbin makes a most exemplary presiding officer. The junior officers of this Chapter are better posted, and

evidently take a greater interest in the work, than those of any other Chapter in the district.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, U. D., FORT WILLIAM.—On the 3rd October the new Chapter at Fort William was instituted by the M. E. the Grand Z. It was my intention to be present on that occasion, but the notice which E. Comp. Hollinshead claims to have sent never reached me. I have not been able to visit them, but I have been kept well posted and I understand they are doing well. The Principals and other officers are well up in the work and have conferred the degrees on twenty-two candidates since October. This Chapter, and also Shuniah, have, in my opinion, bright prospects in two growing towns, such as Fort William and Port Arthur are, and each Chapter can be of much service to the other by exchanging visits, etc.

I can say with great satisfaction, that I have been very agreeably surprised at the uniformity of the work throughout the district, taking into consideration that each Chapter is somewhat isolated. The only discernible difference in the rendition of the work is, that some Chapters are in possession of a more complete paraphernalia than others, enabling them to put more embellishment on the work.

Too much credit cannot be given E. Comp. Green, of Algonquin Chapter, who acted as district secretary and rendered valuable services. The Scribes E. of the various Chapters have been very prompt in sending the notices and answering correspondence.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions throughout the district, not only for electing me, but for the mutual assistance they have given on my official visits, thus assuring me that my feeble efforts were fully appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD ROBERTS,

Grand Supt., Algoma District, No. 14.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.		Number.	
			Regular Meetings.	
			Emergent.	
			Total.	
			Average Attendance Members.	
			Average Attendance Visitors.	
			Annual Dues, per Member.	
			No. Members last Return.	
			Petitions Accepted.	
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			Restorations.	
			Withdrawals.	
			Suspensions.	
			Deaths.	
			Present Membership.	
			M. M. M. Conf	
			M. E. M. Conf.	
			R. A. Conf.	
			No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	
			Liabilities.	
			Assets.	
			Cash or Securities.	
			Property.	
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			Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	
			Prospects.	
			Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?	
Shuniah.....	82 Port Arthur.....	13	9 22 15	2 1 20
Golden.....	90 Rat Portage....	8	6 14 12	1 3 00
Tuscan.....	95 Sudbury.....	9	4 13 ..	2 00
Algonquin.....	102 S. S. Marie.....	12	5 17 15	2 2 00
Port William...	v D Fort William...	3	4 7 20	5 1 25
				68 25 20
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				\$ 1,000.00
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				\$ 225.70
				\$ 200.00
				\$ 75.00
				Excellent.
				Yes.
				Good.
				Yes.
				Good.
				Yes.
				Good.
				Yes.
				Excellent.
				Yes.

REMARKS—*Should have been 42, 3 Candidates should have been in last report. †\$1.00 out of jurisdiction. ‡Charter members.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

I beg to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Manitoba District, No. 15. I am gratified to be able to state that this district has made much progress during the year. Two Chapters instituted. The total membership increased by over one-half. Financially each Chapter (except Zeredatha) is in a healthy condition. The prospects for the future are exceedingly bright.

PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, No. 52, WINNIPEG.—This Chapter is making steady progress with a membership of 222. On the 9th of September I accompanied M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand Z., who paid an official visit. The Companions ought never to forget the excellent words of counsel and instruction which fell from his lips upon that occasion. The officers of King Edward Chapter, U. D., visited this Chapter on the 4th of August, conferring the R. A. degree in a most creditable manner, worthy of all praise, considering that their Chapter was instituted in April.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 101, BOISSEVAIN.—Visited on 13th April, officers elected and installed under dispensation. R. E. Comp. Baine, assisted by the officers, conferred the R. A. degree with accuracy and much expression, no doubt leaving a lasting impression upon the newly exalted Companions. The officers elected must have displayed energy, the Chapter having made good progress during the year. Membership increased by 17.

ZEREDATHA CHAPTER, No. 111, MORDEN.—This Chapter has not held a meeting. Upon several occasions I endeavored to arrange for a visitation, but each time failed. The Companions have asked for another year in which to reorganize. This I would recommend, and I trust that my successor may attain good results.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, U. D., NEEPAWA.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, Grand J.; R. E. Comp. R. Magness, and several of the Winnipeg Companions, I visited Neepawa on the 6th of April and instituted this Chapter. The Ex. Z., Comp. Gibbs, is a most enthusiastic

Companion and, assisted by his officers, he has made this Chapter one of the most progressive, having a membership of 65.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, U. D., BRANDON.—Several of the Winnipeg Companions accompanied me to Brandon on the 30th September, on the way being joined by E. Comp. Gibbs and several Companions from King Edward Chapter, U. D., Neepawa, where we met the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, who was on his way home from a visitation to Chapters west as far as British Columbia. The Grand Z. instituted the Chapter and installed the various officers. This Chapter is in capable hands and has made good progress. A membership of 42.

In conclusion I desire to express the gratitude of the Companions of this district for the high honor conferred in having a visitation from the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, a Companion worthy of the high office he occupies. I also desire to convey my sincere thanks to the Companions, more especially to R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, Grand J., and R. E. Comp. R. Magness, who, at no little loss of time and expense, accompanied me upon my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

W. BRADEN,

Grand Supt., Manitoba District, No. 15.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15.

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergency.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Rx. Z. work all Degrees?
Prince Rupert..	52	Winnipeg.....	12	5	17	21	4	3.00	210	18	14	2	..	2	..	2	2	222	16	14	14	41	37.30	\$ 2,308.00	\$ 1,356	\$ 952.00	\$ 512.00	\$ 25.00	Good.	No.
Corinthian.....	101	Boissevain.....	6	5	11	20	2	2.00	45	19	17	..	1	1	3	2	57	17	17	13	13	....	425.00	125.00	300.00	130.00	200.00	125.00	Excellent.	Yes.
Zeredatha.....	111	Morden.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
King Edward...	UD	Neepawa.....	9	2	11	24	1	3.00	..	55	52	3	..	..	..	..	65	52	50	50	65	....	835.00	385.00	450.00	..	500.00	25.00	Brightest.	Yes.
Keystone.....	UD	Brandon.....	4	1	5	19	18	..	..	30	30	1	..	..	..	..	42	30	30	28	..	8.00	726.00	526.00	200.00	..	..	..	Good.	Yes.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor to present herewith my report as Grand Superintendent of the British Columbia District, No. 16, for the year 1904. It is with pleasure that I am able to show that good progress has been made in the district, and that the prospects at the end of the year are such as to promise a continuance of this progress.

The district is composed of the following Chapters:—Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, Vancouver; Westminster Chapter, No. 124, New Westminster; Keystone Chapter, No. 127, Nanaimo, and Cyrus Chapter, U. D., Cumberland. At the beginning of the year there were three Chapters, with a total membership of 245 members. The year closes with four Chapters and a total membership of 335, being an increase of 90 members in the district for the year.

An event of interest and importance to the district was the official visit of the M. E. Grand First Principal, Comp. A. Shaw, during the month of September, when he visited all the Chapters of the district.

This was the first occasion in the history of the district that a Grand Z. made an official visit to the Chapters, and it was marked by intense pleasure and enthusiasm amongst the Companions.

Shortly after my election to the office of Grand Superintendent, I was installed by R. E. Comp. F. J. Schofield at a convocation of Vancouver R. A. Chapter, and during the year visited all the Chapters in the district, and now have pleasure in reporting upon them as follows:—

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, No. 98, VANCOUVER.—This Chapter has had an exceedingly prosperous year under the able guidance of E. Comp. S. C. Sykes, the First Principal Z. This Companion is a most energetic worker, and has the gift of oratory that few possess, which enables him to confer the several degrees in a clever and impressive manner. By his energy and ritualistic ability he has created an enthusiasm in this Chapter that added 65 new members to its roll.

On September 20th, 1904, a memorable day in the history of this Chapter, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Shaw, on his official visit to the Chapter, when he was welcomed by one of the largest gatherings of Royal Arch Masons ever held in Canada. Over 150 Companions were present, and the R. A. degree was most impressively worked upon a team of three candidates by E. Comp. Sykes and his officers. The commendation of the Grand Z. was most cordial, and I can assure you that the work of that evening was of the usual high standard that is observed in this Chapter on every occasion.

A banquet was afterwards tendered to the distinguished visitor, who delighted those who were present with a magnificent address.

On November 9th I made my official visit of inspection to this Chapter, and had the pleasure of seeing E. Comp. Sykes work the M. M. M. degree in his usual excellent style. This Chapter is provided with all the necessary equipment for the complete working of the degrees, which adds greatly to the effect.

Although the needs of the distressed are well looked after in Vancouver by the blue lodges and the Vancouver Masonic Board of Relief, the Chapter has always been ready and willing to render assistance when called upon to do so. Besides making an annual contribution to the funds of the Board of Relief, it assists the local orphanage and other charitable institutions. During the year I have had the privilege of attending 25 meetings of this Chapter in the capacity of Scribe E.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.
—On May 26th, accompanied by E. Comps. S. C. Sykes and A. McC. Creery, and a number of the members of Vancouver Chapter, I made my official visit to Westminster Chapter. This Chapter is somewhat handicapped through a portion of its membership being non-resident. However, there are some bright Masons in the personnel of its officers, and the progress that it exhibits bids fair to continue. An unfortunate event during the year was the death of the First Principal elect, E. Comp. J. B. Johnson, who died shortly after his election to the office of Z., and before he was installed. The presiding officer

of the previous year, E. Comp. R. E. Walker, who is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, continued to occupy the chair of Z. for 1904, and was a source of great strength to the Chapter.

On the occasion of my visit, E. Comp. Sykes was invited to confer the M.E.M. degree in the revised form, which he did to my entire satisfaction and, I am sure, to the advantage of the officers of Westminster Chapter.

In Comp. R. K. Chapman, the Scribe E., this Chapter has a most efficient officer, as not only are his duties as secretary carefully and well performed, but he is able to fill any chair on the floor and assist in the work when called upon to do so. The material lately exalted by this Chapter is of the kind that is very desirable, viz., "young and enthusiastic," and should prove of value in the future.

The hospitalities of New Westminster Masons are proverbial, and on this occasion were fully up to the usual high standard. Dr. R. E. Walker, the Z., presided at the banquet, and good speeches were made by R. E. Comp. T. J. Armstrong, E. Comps. Walker, Sykes, Creery and others.

The utmost harmony prevails between the Chapters at New Westminster and Vancouver, and an interchange of fraternal visits is frequent, which is a benefit to both Chapters.

During the visit of the Grand Z. to the Pacific Coast, the members of Westminster Chapter assisted in his entertainment and also attended the convocation of Vancouver Chapter, at which he made his official visit, in a body.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 127, NANAIMO.—On Wednesday, September 21st, 1904, I accompanied M. E. Comp. Shaw, Grand Z., to Nanaimo, leaving Vancouver by the steamer Joan. R. E. Comps. F. J. Schofield and S. C. Sykes made up the party and, after a pleasant sail of four hours, Nanaimo was reached and the party was welcomed by the E. Z. of Keystone Chapter, E. Comp. A. A. Davis and several other Companions. In the evening M. E. Comp. Shaw made his official visit to the Chapter, accompanied by myself and other Grand Chapter officers. The

M. M. M. degree was exceedingly well worked by E. Comp. J. D. Quine, assisted by the officers of the Chapter.

During the evening I had an opportunity of inspecting the books of the Scribe E., Comp. J. F. Doyle, and found that this Companion looked well to the duties of his office. The Chapter has increased its membership during the year, and will continue to make the most of its opportunities. A banquet to the Grand Z. followed the business of the evening, presided over by E. Comp. Davis, and was in keeping with everything undertaken by this efficient officer.

At an early hour on Thursday morning the Grand Z.'s party and a large number of the Companions of Keystone Chapter, retired to their berths on board the S.S. City of Nanaimo, en route to Cumberland.

CYRUS CHAPTER, U. D., CUMBERLAND.—This Chapter was organized during the year, and the visit of the Grand Z. to the district offered a fitting opportunity to the Companions to invite M. E. Comp. Shaw to institute the new Chapter. It was with much pleasure that I accompanied M. E. Comp. Shaw to Cumberland on Sept. 22nd, and assisted him to institute the Chapter and install its first officers. The enthusiasm created by the visit of the Grand Z. was now reaching its height, and the large party of Companions from Vancouver and Nanaimo, who had accompanied M. E. Comp. Shaw, were prepared to work all night in order to give the baby Chapter a good healthy start in life. Work in the Chapter room commenced shortly after 8 o'clock on Thursday evening and continued until 3 o'clock on Friday morning.

The ceremonies of instituting the Chapter and installing its officers were performed by the Grand Z. The various equipments for the degree work were then placed by way of instruction to the new officers, who being at such a great distance from any other Chapter, have very little opportunity of seeing any work done.

A class of candidates was then presented, and I had the pleasure of conferring upon them the M. M. M. degree. E. Comp. A. A. Davis then conferred the M. E. M. degree upon the same candidates.

E. Comp. Sykes completed the degree work of the

evening by exalting the candidates to the supreme degree of the H. R. A.

M. E. Comp. Shaw, in a most instructive manner, explained the degree work to the new officers and greatly enabled them to attain the efficiency which I am informed they now exhibit.

The First Principal Z., E. Comp. Clinton, is very energetic, and will bring the Chapter to a high standard. No expense has been spared in obtaining the best regalia, robes and equipments that are made. Although only three months old, Cyrus Chapter has a membership of 25, and several applications on hand to deal with. The officers can now do their work well, and I can confidently recommend Grand Chapter to favorably consider the issue of a warrant.

The members of Cyrus Chapter tendered the Grand Z. a banquet at the completion of the business of the night, which, with the speech making, consumed the time until Comp. Clinton announced that the train was almost about to leave for the wharf, and at 7 o'clock the whole party started on the return journey—happy, if tired.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Z. on a fraternal visit to Columbia R. A. Chapter at Victoria. This Chapter is No. 120 on the Grand Register of Scotland, and is the oldest Chapter in British Columbia. It has held allegiance to Scotland for many years and appears content to continue to do so. It is unfortunate in not being able to receive any official visits from its distinguished officers, which would certainly be a stimulus to its life and activity.

Before closing this report, I must express the appreciation felt by the Companions of this district at receiving a visit from the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Shaw. There is no doubt that the visit of the chief officer creates fresh enthusiasm and renewed interest amongst the members, and I feel sure that the visit of M. E. Comp. Shaw to this district has been beneficial to the Chapters in a great many ways.

I must also mention the satisfaction of the Companions in this western portion of the Grand Jurisdiction at the election of one of their number by Grand Chapter to the

Grand Council. I refer to the election of R. E. Comp. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, to the office of Grand J.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions of British Columbia District, No. 16, very sincerely, for the honor conferred on me in electing me to preside over the district for the past year, and also to the various Chapters for their many courtesies and kindnesses to me during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the good fellowship existing at the present time throughout the district may continue for evermore.

Fraternally submitted

J. W. PRESCOTT,

Grand Supt., British Columbia District, No. 16.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings.		Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?
Vancouver.....	98 Vancouver.....	12 13 25 31	5 3.00	163	75 59	6 1 6 7	2 214 59 57 56 30	\$	2,358.00	1,468	300.00	590.00	300.00	108.00	Excellent.	Yes														
Westminster....	124 N. Westminster	8 1 9 12	1 6.00	35	6 6 1	2 1 39	5 6 6 9	388.00	138.00	250.00	156.00	150.00	Excellent.	Yes																
Keystone.....	127 Nanaimo.....	8 3 11 13	1 6.00	47	11 11	1	57 11 11 11 16	822.00	508.00	314.00	Excellent.	Yes																		
Cyrus.....	U D Cumberland.....	5 6 11 12	1	12 11	1	25 11 11 9	285	600.00	300.00	Excellent.	Yes																			

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry for the past year in this district. All the Chapters I visited are increasing and prosperous, the records kept in good shape, notices of meetings were sent me regularly, the officers and members of the right kind to build up good Chapters. Copies of the Constitution and by-laws are presented candidates advanced to the Mark Master Mason degree. Lodges of instruction were proposed but not considered practicable on account of the distances between Chapters. We were honored by a visit from M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand Z., whom we were delighted to meet, and from whom we received much information and wise counsel.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, NO. 118, EDMONTON.—I visited this Chapter Nov. 24th, and received a cordial and fraternal welcome. They had intended working the R. A. degree, but on account of illness the candidate did not appear, therefore there was no work, but from the manner in which the opening, closing and business of the Chapter was conducted, I can with confidence report skilled craftsmen in charge, and can speak favorably of the officers and Companions, who appear to have the welfare of the Chapter at heart. R. E. Comp. H. C. Taylor takes a very active interest in the Chapter; and the Companions are fortunate in having for S. E. so able and competent an officer. The prospects for the future are bright; at present they have five applications for initiation and one for affiliation.

ALBERTA CHAPTER, NO. 106, CALGARY.—On Nov. 26th I visited this Chapter; the First Principal was absent and R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley presided. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a candidate in a manner which left little to be desired, every officer doing his work exceedingly well. This is the largest Chapter in this district, and the zeal and energy exhibited by the officers and members is very creditable. To the advice and assistance of R. E. Comp. Markley much of the success

of the Chapter is due. E. Comp. E. N. Brown is a capable and energetic Scribe E., and the Chapter is to be congratulated on being in possession of his services. To both of those Companions I am indebted for kindness and assistance. The future of the Chapter is excellent; at present two candidates who have been accepted are to appear for advancement. I wish to thank the Companions of this Chapter for their kind reception on this occasion.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, NO. 126, MEDICINE HAT.—This is my own Chapter, and I have attended meetings and saw work and business done in a very satisfactory manner. This Chapter, for various reasons, has not done as well as was expected, but we expect to make more satisfactory progress in the near future.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—I got no response to my communication and received no notice of meetings from this Chapter, therefore I did not visit it.

All of which is

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. BECKER,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?
Alberta.....	106	Calgary.....	12	4	16	15	2	3.00	85	9	5	2	1	1	1	90	5	5	4	13	.....	800.00	250.00	450.00	100.00	250.00	No call	Excellent.	Yes.	
North Star.....	118	Edmonton.....	5	2	7	12	2	3.00	29	6	4	3	.....	.....	.....	36	4	3	3	5	.....	560.00	260.00	300.00	30.00	100.00	No call	Excellent.	Yes.	
Wascana.....	121	Regina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assiniboia.....	126	Medicine Hat...	.....	2	6	10	2	3.00	24	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	1	1	1	17	50.00	310.00	60.00	250.00	60.00	No call	Good.	Yes.		

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

As the Grand Superintendent of the above district, I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1904. This district comprises the following Chapters:—Kootenay, No. 120, Kaslo; Rossland, No. 122, Rossland; Nelson, No. 123, Nelson; Rocky Mountain, No. 125, Fort Steele; Revelstoke, No. 128, Revelstoke; and Crow's Nest, U. D., Fernie, B.C.

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Shortly after having this greatness not only, but also responsibility, thrust upon me, there was sent a circular letter to all the Kootenay Chapters pointing out the duties and importance of the Royal Art, and urging increased zeal and energy in, not only the speculative, but also the practical form of Capitular Masonry.

Inasmuch as there was no proper regalia for the Grand Superintendent of this district, an appeal was made to each Chapter for a proportionate amount of the necessary outlay. They all quickly and generously responded. Therefore we now have a new set, which will be transferred to my successor.

Having received official intimation from the M. E. the Grand Z. upon several important matters, on June 2nd, I issued the following exhortative epistle:—

"Owing to various circumstances over which I have no control, I am, as yet, unable to fix the dates of my official visits to the R. A. Chapters of Kootenay District, No. 18. However, there are some important matters to which I desire to direct your careful consideration:

"(1) The revised and amended Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada. It seems that a large number of the Chapters throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter have failed to make application for such. Now, as you are no doubt well aware, each candidate upon admission, should receive a copy; and, moreover, the said laws and regulations should be frequently read. It is inconsistent to pledge a man to rules and conditions of

which he is ignorant, and has no opportunity of knowing. This is a serious matter.

“(2) Is it not strange that there should be divergent tendencies in our important esoteric rites and ceremonies? There is only one way, the right way. We trust that the Excellent Companions will ‘read and digest’ those admirable instructions recently sent out by the Grand Scribe E.

“(3) The M. E. the Grand Z. of Canada, has intimated that he would like us to hold Chapters of Instruction in this district. However, as this is almost impracticable, owing to the great distances, nevertheless, by constant care and study, we should all be competent to make a commendable exemplification, even in the most minute details, of the various degrees. Constant practice and continual reference to the S. W.: ‘Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.’

“(4) The enclosed plan of centre floor of a Chapter Hall. No doubt this clear design will be a real revelation of the proper arrangement of hall and furniture. It should be filed away in the archives of the Chapter for future reference. We know that good work is being done in this jurisdiction, yet, ‘perfection is not attained on this side of the grave,’ and, while we live, we may

“Each day grow older and learn something new.”

Re official visits for mutual advice and instruction.—By the magnanimous financial assistance of the Revelstoke Chapter, of which I am a member, and of Rocky Mountain Chapter, it was possible for me to visit all the Chapters except that at Kaslo. When I say I visited all, I do not boast, yet, this is a great country of magnificent distances. The nearest Chapter is distant in space and time. It takes four days to visit the nearest Chapter. Therefore you can understand the unusual obstacles and difficulties in the way of Capitular light and knowledge. However, the ground was covered, except Kootenay, No. 120. This Chapter was not visited; not because it was impossible, but because I did not consider it was necessary. It is well known that where R. E. Comp. Chipman is, there can be no Royal heresy or schism; where he is the Chapter must be right. *Experientia docet*—it was he who both humbled and exalted me.

ROSSLAND CHAPTER, NO. 122, ROSSLAND.—I visited this Chapter on Aug. 2nd. Although the weather was hot and oppressive, yet there was a large convocation. R. E. Comp. G. A. Mitchell exemplified the M. E. M. with such elaborate ceremony and detail, that it was a pleasing revelation; so much so, in fact, that I wondered whether I had ever really been “received and acknowledged.” Notwithstanding the Constitution, R. E. Comp. Mitchell is a veritable perfectionist—*ne plus ultra*. The books, in the hands of Comp. R. E. Plewman, were neat and correct, and the beautiful regalia and appliances were, in the language of modern classics, “simply out of sight”—elysian temple of the Royal art.

After labour came refreshment, at a rich banquet. There was food, not only for the body, but also for the mind. The Rossland Companions are the very soul of kind courtesy and hospitality.

NELSON CHAPTER, NO. 123, NELSON, B.C.—On Aug. 3rd, this Chapter was inspected. I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Mitchell. The attendance was small, but enthusiastic. Red blood flows in the Royal veins of the Nelson Companions. R. E. Comp. George Johnson was present with his jolly face and large heart. E. Comp. C. H. Crandon exemplified—the night being excessively sultry and tropical—the latter part of the M. M. M. degree in a bold and creditable manner. I found the books correct and perfect. When the general business was concluded, a pleasant hour was spent in humor and reminiscences.

CROW'S NEST CHAPTER, U. D., FERNIE, B.C.—On Nov. 8th I instituted this Chapter, with the invaluable assistance of E. Comps. J. F. Armstrong and H. M. Burrows—the latter is a Past Principal of an English Chapter—under auspicious circumstances. *Re* the First Principal, E. Comp. Thos. H. White, I may say he is zealous and enthusiastic; the right man in the right place. E. Comp. Arthur W. Bleasdel, as Second Principal, is a true and tried friend and adviser; these, with the Third Principal, make a strong Excellent Council. I can safely predict unprecedented peace and prosperity in this new venture. Upon conclusion of the Chapter

labours, we enjoyed a delightful banquet and helpful addresses.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NO. 125, FORT STEELE, B.C.—On Nov. 9th we were there, accompanied by E. Comp. Armstrong. He is a Past Principal of this Chapter. The E. First Principal, R. L. T. Galbraith, was unavoidably absent. However, the chair was filled by E. Comp. Armstrong who, at my request, exemplified the M. E. M. degree in a comprehensive manner. Inasmuch as the revised ritual presents a few new details in this degree, I was anxious to observe the various interpretations of its mystical meanings and forms; and, I am pleased to say, that all the Chapters seem to have grasped the revised degree, fairly and fully. Books neat, paraphernalia proper, and everything harmonious. Here, again, we had the secondary aspect of Freemasonry.

"It makes me wish, I vow,
I had the stomach of a cow."

The Capitular plant is strong and luxuriant in Fort Steele; the soil seems rich and fertile; and, though few, yet they all realize, *non progredi est regredi*.

REVELSTOKE CHAPTER, NO. 128, REVELSTOKE, B.C.—On Dec. 5th I was present officially at Revelstoke Chapter, No. 128, and assisted in the exaltation of three candidates. We had heavy labor and light refreshments. Inasmuch as the M. E. the Grand Z. passed through the trying ordeal of a critical inquisitor of this Chapter, while on his western tour, I shall leave an open door for his just judgments and righteous indignation.

In conclusion, I have great satisfaction in saying that throughout this district, precept and example have advanced with equal pace; that the officers and Companions of the various Chapters keep not only in mind the symbol, but also the thing symbolized; and that, in short, truth has been the aim and object of all with whom I have come in contact.

N.B.—All the Chapters of this district, I understand, have carried out the spirit and letter of the Constitution *re giving same to each M. M. M. upon initiation.*

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. PROCUNIER,
Grand Supt., Kootenay District, No. 18.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings		Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?
			Emergent.																											
Kootenay.....	Kaslo, B. C.....	120	10	3	13	12	13	\$ 3.00	36	8	8	3	3	41	8	8	8	11	\$	819.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	69.00	200.00	\$	10.00	Good.	Yes.	
Rossland.....	122 Rossland, B. C.	7	3	10	12	3	2.00	70	4	3	73	3	3	3	24	1,205.00	513.00	500.00	192.00	400.00	Good.	Yes.								
Nelson.....	123 Nelson, B. C.....	9	4	13	15	2	3.00	51	3	3	1	3	52	3	4	4	9	300.00	300.00	89.00	200.00	Good.	Yes.							
Rocky Mount'n	125 Fort Steele, B. C.	5	6	11	10	1	3.00	40	12	10	2	52	11	11	10	13	*	258.00	300.00	121.50	200.00	15.00	V. Bright.	Yes.						
Revelstoke.....	128 Revelstoke, B. C.	10	5	15	12	2	3.00	35	9	9	1	42	7	7	7	5	150.00	500.00	48.00	175.00	Very good	No.								
Crow's Nest.....	U D Fernie, B. C.....	2	3	5	11	2	3.00	6	6	19	6	6	5	300	250.00	175.00	5.00	150.00	Excellent.	Yes.										

REMARKS—*Can't understand their finances.—C. A. P.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

COMPANIONS:—Grand Chapter has now on its roll 119 Chapters, of which number twelve are working under dispensation. With the exception of some thirteen, all show a gain more or less during the year. Two Chapters, those at Morden, Man., and at Regina, N.W.T., are inactive. The former has been moribund for a long period, but again appeals for another chance; the latter exists, but that is all. Otherwise Chapters generally report a year of remarkable prosperity.

Under instruction I caused charters to be engrossed and forwarded to St. Francis Chapter, Smith's Falls, No. 133; King Darius Chapter, Cannington, No. 134; and Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge, No. 135. All three have made excellent records.

An unprecedented number of applications for the establishment of new Chapters was made during the year, and the usual requirements having been observed in each case, under advice of the M. E. the Grand Z., letters of dispensation were prepared by me and despatched to the Grand Superintendents of the several districts where those Chapters were to be located, and in due course they were instituted and set to work. What they have accomplished in the meantime has fully justified the confidence placed in them by the M. E. the Grand Z. The following is a list of the Chapters started during the year, with the names of the petitioners in each instance:—

CROW'S NEST, U. D., FERNIE, B.C.—James A. Rennie, William Jas. Tinelick, Duncan A. McRae, Arthur W. Bleasdel, Samuel Bonnell, George G. Jewell, David Carruthers, David T. Williams, No. 125, G. R. C; Herbert Switzer, No. 15, G. R. C.; L. M. Proctor, No. 63, G. R. N. Y.; Josiah H. Bricker, No. 24, G. R. C.

SHEKINAH, U. D., TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—James A. Ellis, George W. Clendenan, No. 91, G. R. C.; Josiah R. Royce, W. A. Barclay, John Witheridge, Chris. W. Witheridge, John Paul, Henry T. Smith, No. 4, G. R. C.;

John Thomas McMulkin, William J. Sheppard, Frank B. Gooderham, John A. Shaw, Harry G. Curlett, Geo. J. Thompson, Robert Patterson, A. M. Gabel, John L. Walker, Jesse C. Smith, Angus Fraser, No. 77, G. R. C.; Robert M. Adamson, No. 83, G. R. C.; James Shand, No. 34, G. R. C.; Robt. L. McCormack, No. 60, G. R. C.; Allan Burns, No. 56, G. R. C.

ST. ANDREWS, U. D., HAVELOCK, ONT.—Joseph Holdcroft, No. 68, G. R. C.; Elias Williams, H. T. Andrews, G. L. Sills, Alex. Mathison, Henry Pacy, A. D. Cary, John Marton, J. R. Craig, No. 110, G. R. C.; John Barlow, No. 72, G. R. C.

FORT WILLIAM, U. D., FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—John T. Hollinshead, George Hill, Edward D. Higginbottom, Clarence D. Cole, Fred. A. Fair, George Hinnners, Fred. Symes, Albert Sellers, Ole. Larson, George A. Grant, R. McGregor, Ed. Bowie, A. M. Frank, Wm. Newcombe, H. W. Chalfant, No. 82, G. R. C.; Alex. Leslie, No. 102, G. R. C.

KEYSTONE, U. D., BRANDON, MAN.—Peter McGregor, Alex. Burns, No. 78, G. R. C.; Joseph Cornell, Arthur P. Jefferey, No. 52, G. R. C.; Arthur P. McInnis, No. 16, G. R. C.; John Dickson, No. 6, G. R. C.; James Smith, No. 50, G. R. C.; John Clark, No. 40, G. R. C.; William Fenwick, No. 99, G. R. C.

CYRUS, U. D., CUMBERLAND, B.C.—George Witt Clinton, No. 120, G. R. S.; Lewis Alfred Mounce, Clive A. Staples, Benj. R. Simpson, Charles J. Vater, Stanley H. Riggs, Frederick McB. Young, J. Walterins, Harrison P. Millard, No. 127, G. R. C.; R. Ross Napier, No. 23, G. R. C.

GLENGARRY, U. D., MAXVILLE, ONT.—John A. Welsh, Daniel P. McDiarmid, Thomas W. Munro, Geo. W. Shepherd, Lynden Y. McIntosh, Allan H. Edwards, No. 113, G. R. C.; Walter C. Whittaker, No. 112, G. R. C.; William Franklin, Samuel Henry, No. 16, G. R. C.

PRESQU'ISLE, U. D., BRIGHTON, ONT. — B. C. H. Becker, A. K. McLeod, J. H. McMaster, F. A. M. Roblin, M. Hare, R. J. Wade, Jno. R. Maitland, J. O. Proctor, F. E. Marshall, C. R. W. Proctor, A. W. Stinson, Chas.

A. Lapp, D. C. Bullock, J. L. Latta, John Brems, Alex. B. Loomis, No. 45, G. R. C.; R. N. Huffman, No. 44, G. R. C.

THE ST. PATRICK, U. D., TORONTO, ONT.—Harry A. Collins, George McQuillan, William S. Milne, Chris. J. Hohl, No. 8, G. R. C.; John A. Cowan, Lud K. Cameron, Arth. B. Cordingley, J. W. St. John, Henry W. Anthes, Joshua M. Woodland, George W. Verral, No. 91, G. R. C.; John E. Cook, No. 77, G. R. C.; Edward Mack, No. 79, G. R. C.; Geo. Stirling Ryerson, No. 62, G. R. C.

BERNARD, U. D., LISTOWEL, ONT.—Edwin C. Thornton, Albert E. Windsor, No. 18, G. R. C.; Frederick J. Rogers, No. 28, G. R. C.; Hugh B. Morphy, John Watson, No. 67, G. R. C.; Hindson E. Burrows, No. 23, G. R. C.; Robert Hunter, No. 53, G. R. C.; J. C. Clark, No. 81, G. R. C.; W. R. Erskine, No. 129, G. R. C.

LUCKNOW, U. D., LUCKNOW, ONT.—Duncan McD. Gordon, B. J. Snelgrove, Alex. T. Davison, Roderick W. Matheson, Robt. R. Macleod, Harry Days, James Lyons, Hugh Morrison, John Joynt, H. G. Armstrong, No. 84, G. R. C.

During a visit to the old land last summer, I made enquiry into some matters of interest in connection with our ceremonial working. I found that Canada had not departed to any alarming extent from the methods of the mother Grand Chapter. In the opening ceremony, however, our English Companions have in one respect abandoned their conservatism and changed a leading feature to which they had clung tenaciously from the outset, but which they would not now return to. The alteration met with the unanimous approval of Grand Chapter. I refer to the exclusion of the Companions during the preliminaries by the Council and Past Principals. These are now conducted in the presence of all. As it may be necessary soon to devote some attention to our own working, I would suggest that this change be considered, if it is found expedient to appoint a committee to overlook such matters. I desire here to express my grateful thanks to R. E. Comp. William Roaf, Grand H., for his kindness in voluntarily offering to look after the interests of this office while I was absent.

I would again respectfully direct attention to the fact that the Constitution requires that applications for registration and certificates must be made by the Chapters within a month after each exaltation. The labor entailed on this office by negligence of this provision is very great, especially under present conditions.

The growth of the Grand Chapter, both in its financial as well as its numerical aspect is, to say the least, remarkable. It was considered that we had reached the *ultima thule*, when last year a net gain of 738 was reported. What has been done since, though wonderful in its magnitude, has not been confined to one province or even a breaking out in spots. The activity of the Chapters and the enthusiasm of the Companions have been apparent everywhere, from the easternmost boundary of Ontario to the distant shores of the Pacific. Of the one hundred and seventeen working Chapters, only four show a decrease in membership, and the total of that falling away amounts to eight only. Nine Chapters show neither loss nor gain, yet they are doing good work and the rest give to the Grand Chapter of Canada in this year, marked by its Forty-Seventh Annual Convocation, a net gain of 1,315.

With the exception of some half-a-dozen Chapters, all were fairly prompt with their returns and fees. The fees and dues received from them will be found in the appended table:—

CASH STATEMENT.—GRAND SCRIBE E.

DR.	
From Chapters.—Certificates.....	\$1,230.00
Registration Fees.....	1,273.00
Membership Dues.....	1,938.10
Dispensations.....	295.00
Warrants.....	10.00
Constitutions	145.80
Sundries.....	69.40
	<hr/> \$4,961.30
Interest.—Industrial School Bonds	\$680.00
Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00
Town of Orillia, Debentures.....	99.80
	<hr/> 859.80
Total.....	<hr/> \$5,821.10

		CR	
1904—	Feb. 10—	Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 49.90
	Apr. 2—	" ".....	300.00
	May 4—	" ".....	200.00
	May 21—	" ".....	100.00
	June 2—	" ".....	340.00
	Aug. 10—	" ".....	49.90
	Sep. 10—	" ".....	40.00
	Sep. 12—	" ".....	200.00
	Oct. 10—	" ".....	300.00
	Dec. 3—	" ".....	340.00
	Dec. 22—	" ".....	500.00
	Dec. 31—	" ".....	800.00
1905—	Jan. 5—	" ".....	40.00
	Jan. 6—	" ".....	800.00
	Jan. 12—	" ".....	700.00
	Jan. 17—	" ".....	800.00
	Jan. 21—	" ".....	261.30
Total.....			\$5,821.10

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1904

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS

1	An. F. & Cataraqui	\$ 27.25	46	St. James.....	\$ 31.40
2	The Hiram.....	125.15	47	Wellington.....	59.50
3	St. John's.....	61.00	48	St. John's.....	13.25
4	S. And. & S. John's	50.25	50	Saugeen.....	10.50
5	St. George's.....	57.50	52	Prince Rupert's...	57.45
6	St. John's.....	79.65	53	Bruce.....	4.00
7	The Moira.....	49.50	54	Palestine.....	64.65
8	King Solomon's...	55.00	55	Niagara.....	12.00
15	Wawanosh.....	89.25	56	Georgian.....	52.50
16	Carleton.....	40.00	57	King Hiram.....	8.00
18	Oxford.....	33.00	58	Pembroke.....	20.05
19	Mount Moriah....	45.00	60	Doric.....	37.75
20	Mount Horeb.....	41.25	61	Granite.....	22.75
22	Grenville.....	30.50	62	York.....	28.50
23	Ezra.....	57.00	63	Havelock.....	26.75
24	Tecumseh.....	50.05	64	Wilson.....	30.00
26	St. Mark's.....	36.50	65	St. Paul's.....	41.25
27	Manitou.....	49.25	66	The Malloch.....	23.00
30	Huron.....	44.00	67	Enterprise.....	49.25
31	Prince Edward....	77.75	68	Maitland.....	6.50
32	Waterloo.....	34.50	69	Grimsby.....	26.50
34	Signet.....	89.50	70	Grand River.....	32.75
36	Corinthian.....	34.00	71	Prince of Wales...	28.75
37	Victoria.....	54.55	72	Keystone.....	4.00
40	Guelph.....	29.00	73	Erie.....	21.75
41	Harris.....	23.40	74	Beaver.....	32.50
44	Mount Sinai.....	26.00	75	St. Clair.....	14.50
45	Excelsior.....	32.50	76	Mount Nebo.....	88.25

77 Occident.....	\$105.50	121 Wascana.....	\$ 11.80
79 Orient.....	50.75	122 Rossland.....	36.70
80 Ark.....	52.50	123 Nelson.....	12.90
81 Aylmer.....	21.50	124 Westminster.....	22.25
82 Shuniah.....	70.65	125 Rocky Mountain..	60.15
83 Ionic.....	27.00	127 Keystone.....	44.00
84 Lebanon.....	50.75	128 Revelstoke.....	55.50
86 Macpherson.....	16.25	129 Elliot.....	15.00
88 MacNabb.....	2.50	130 Chantry.....	53.00
90 Golden.....	6.00	131 Amabel.....	1.00
91 Antiquity.....	54.65	132 Leeds.....	53.00
94 Midland.....	26.25	133 St. Francis.....	29.00
95 Tuscan.....	30.50	134 King Darius.....	43.00
98 Vancouver.....	181.65	135 Succoth.....	74.50
101 Corinthian.....	53.25	U. D. King Edward....	117.75
102 Algonquin.....	54.40	U. D. Crow's Nest....	41.00
103 St. John's.....	49.25	U. D. Shekinah.....	66.00
104 White Oak.....	20.00	U. D. St. Andrew's....	26.00
106 Alberta.....	34.00	U. D. Fort William....	66.00
110 Warkworth.....	22.00	U. D. Keystone.....	93.50
112 St. John's.....	15.25	U. D. Cyrus.....	63.50
113 Covenant.....	86.65	U. D. Glengarry.....	109.00
114 Bonnechere.....	25.75	U. D. Presqu' Isle....	47.00
115 Brant.....	24.75	U. D. St. Patrick.....	263.00
116 Maple.....	25.00	U. D. Bernard.....	25.00
117 Berlin.....	55.75	U. D. Lucknow.....	25.00
118 North Star.....	26.25		
119 King Cyrus.....	19.00		
120 Kootenay.....	28.65		
			\$4,961.30

Interest—Toronto General Trusts.....	\$ 80.00
“ Industrial School Bonds.....	680.00
“ Orillia Bonds.....	99.80
	<u>859.80</u>

Total..... \$5,821.10

Fraternally submitted

GEO. J. BENNETT,
Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND
CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

1904	DR.	
Jan. 27,	To Balance as per Statement, this date.....	\$2,597.76
Feb. 10,	Interest, Orillia Bonds.....	49.90
April 2,	Grand Scribe E.....	300.00
May 4,	Grand Scribe E.....	200.00
May 21,	Grand Scribe E.....	100.00
June 2,	Interest, Industrial School Bonds.....	340.00

Aug. 10,	Interest, Orillia Bonds.....	\$ 49.90
Sept. 10,	Interest, Toronto General Trusts Bonds.....	40.00
Sept. 12,	Grand Scribe E.....	200.00
Oct. 10,	Grand Scribe E.....	300.00
Dec. 3,	Interest, Industrial School Bonds.....	340.00
Dec. 22,	Grand Scribe E.....	500.00
Dec. 31,	Grand Scribe E.....	800.00

1905

Jan. 5,	Interest, General Trust Bonds.....	40.00
Jan. 6,	Grand Scribe E.....	800.00
Jan. 12,	Grand Scribe E.....	700.00
Jan. 17,	Grand Scribe E.....	800.00
Jan. 21,	Grand Scribe E.....	261.30

\$8,418.86

1904		CR.	
Feb.	By Order 1296, Mrs. John Munro.....	Benevolence	\$ 10.00
"	" 1297, Mrs. P. J. Thomas.....	"	10.00
"	" 1298, Mrs. Alex. Findlay.....	"	15.00
"	" 1299, William Hawthorne....	"	25.00
"	" 1300, Mrs. Edment Hill.....	"	10.00
"	" 1301, Mrs. John Kennedy....	"	10.00
"	" 1302, Mrs. John Holman.....	"	10.00
"	" 1303, Miss Kerr.....	"	5.00
"	" 1304, Mrs. John Vaux.....	"	5.00
"	" 1305, C. W. Smith.....	"	20.00
"	" 1306, Arch. Cooper.....	"	20.00
"	" 1307, Mrs. G. E. S. Black....	"	10.00
"	" 1308, Fred. Mudge.....	"	20.00
"	" 1309, Mrs. Jas. Baker.....	"	20.00
"	" 1310, Mrs. W. B. Wallace....	"	10.00
"	" 1311, Mrs. Hugh Rankin.....	"	15.00
"	" 1312, Mrs. Angus McLeod....	"	15.00
"	" 1313, James O'Connor.....	"	25.00
"	" 1314, Mrs. William Marriott..	"	10.00
"	" 1315, Mrs. Peter Grant.....	"	10.00
"	" 1316, Mrs. F. P. Gassion....	"	15.00
"	" 1317, The Grand Scribe E., Incidentals...		275.00
"	" 1318, Grand Scribe E., Bal. of Incidentals		73.25
"	" 1319, G. J. Bennett, Foreign Correspondence		100.00
"	" 1320, Kent & Co., Goods and Repairs....		30.84
"	" 1321, John Young, Services as Janitor....		5.00
Mar.	" 1322, Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates		70.00
"	" 1323, Daniel Rose & Son, Proceedings....		353.24
"	" 1324, D. Henderson, Engraving Warrants.		12.00
April	" 1325, Thomson Engrav. Co., Dies and Sta'y		12.05
"	" 1326, The Grand Treasurer, Salary.....		25.00
"	" 1327, The Grand Scribe E., Salary.....		300.00
May	" 1328, Briggs Printing Co., Printing.....		11.50
"	" 1329, B. Cairns, Repairing Seal.....		3.35
"	" 1330, The Grand Scribe E., 6 months' rent to 30th June, 1904.....		75.00
"	" 1331, Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates....		69.65
"	" 1332, The Hunter, Rose Co., Constitutions		232.75
"	" 1333, The Grand Treasurer, Salary.....		25.00

May	By Order	1334, The Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	\$300.00
"	"	1335, Thomson Engrav. Co., Plan and cuts	12.50
Aug.	"	1336, Mrs. John Munro..... Benevolence	10.00
"	"	1337, Mrs. P. J. Thomas.....	10.00
"	"	1338, Mrs. Alex. Findlay.....	15.00
"	"	1339, William Hawthorne.....	25.00
"	"	1340, Mrs. Edment Hill.....	10.00
"	"	1341, Mrs. John Kennedy.....	10.00
"	"	1342, Mrs. John Holman.....	10.00
"	"	1343, Miss Kerr.....	5.00
"	"	1345, C. W. Smith.....	20.00
"	"	1346, Arch. Cooper.....	20.00
"	"	1347, Mrs. G. E. S. Black.....	10.00
"	"	1348, Fred. Mudge.....	20.00
"	"	1349, Mrs. J. Baker.....	20.00
"	"	1350, Mrs. W. B. Wallace.....	10.00
"	"	1351, Mrs. Hugh Rankin.....	15.00
"	"	1352, Mrs. Angus McLeod.....	15.00
"	"	1353, James O'Connor.....	25.00
"	"	1354, Mrs. William Marriott..	10.00
"	"	1355, Mrs. Peter Grant.....	10.00
"	"	1356, Mrs. F. P. Gassion.....	15.00
Oct.	"	1357, Premium on Bonds, Grand Scribe E. and Gr. Treas.....	15.00
"	"	1358, Rolph, Clark & Co., Certificates....	106.05
"	"	1359, The Grand Scribe E., Bookcase	14.00
"	"	1360, The Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	300.00
"	"	1361, The Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
"	"	1362, Miss G. Forbes, Typewriting.....	12.50
"	"	1363, Hunter, Rose Co., Printing.....	121.75
"	"	1364, Malcolm Gibbs, Insurance.....	6.45
"	"	1365, Macklim & Sons, Sarnia, Floral W'th	10.00
Decr.	"	1366, The Hunter, Rose Co., Printing.....	37.60
"	"	1367, Briggs Printing Co., Printing.....	1.25

1905—

Jan.	"	1370, The Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
"	"	1368, The Grand Scribe E., 6 months' rent to 31st Dec., 1904.....	75.00
"	"	1369, The Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	300.00
"	"	1371, Expenses, Representative at Funeral	6.50
"	"	1372, A. Shaw, Grand Z., Trav. Expenses	171.00

\$3,788.23

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH
MASONS OF CANADA.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Co., @ 4%.....	\$ 2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, @ 4%.....	17,000.00
Debenture, Town of Orillia, No. 10, @ 4%.....	1,218.13
Debenture, Town of Orillia, No. 11, @ 4%.....	1,266.86
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	4,630.63

\$26,115.62

We hereby certify that the above-named bonds and debentures are in the custody of the bank for safe keeping, on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the bal-

ance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of the Bank, at the close of business at this date, is four thousand, six hundred and thirty dollars and sixty-three cents.

W. B. PARSONS, *Manager*
L. D. PEMBERTON, *Accountant*

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1904, be received and referred to the Executive Committee, for audit and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

No.	1.	Widow of John Monroe	\$ 20.00
"	1.	Comp. Edward Ball	40.00
"	2.	*Widow of Phillip J. Thomas	20.00
"	3.	John E. Malone	40.00
"	3.	Widow of Alex. Findlay	40.00
"	3.	Comp. Wm. Hawthorne	50.00
"	6.	Widow of John Kennedy	40.00
"	6.	Widow of Edment Hill	20.00
"	6.	Widow of John Holman	20.00
"	24.	Comp. N. J. Lorrimer	30.00
"	28.	Comp. Charles W. Smith	50.00
"	29.	Comp. A. Cooper	40.00
"	29.	Widow of G. E. S. Black	20.00
"	35.	Comp. Fred. Mudge	40.00
"	37.	Widow of W. B. Wallace	20.00
"	37.	Widow of J. S. Baker	40.00
"	44.	Widow of Hugh Rankin	40.00
"	44.	*Widow of Angus McLeod	30.00
"	52.	Comp. James O'Connor	50.00
"	54.	Widow of Peter Grant	20.00
"	54.	Widow of Wm. Marriott	30.00
"	77.	Widow of Frank P. Gassion	30.00
"	81.	Widow of W. E. Johnson	20.00

* Subject to report.

\$750.00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Among the letters received from those who were absent by reason of being abroad, or through illness and business engagements, the following from the under-named Companions were read:—M. E. Companions M. Walsh, Kivas Tully; R. E. Comps. J. S. Dewar, J. W. Prescott, Jno. McLaren, Wm. Rea, C. A. Procunier, Wm. Braden.

A letter from W. P. Lemister, Mayor of the "City of Niagara Falls," was read, inviting Grand Chapter to visit that place in 1906.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that at the last annual Convocation, the dispensation granted to King Edward Chapter, at Neepawa, Man., was continued for the period just closed and the Companions at that place have demonstrated their ability not only to maintain a Chapter, but to strengthen it with the best material the community can furnish. During the year they have added to the original membership no less than 52, and the outlook is most promising. Their hall and equipment are up to date, and your Committee has no hesitation in recommending the issue of a warrant.

During the past year the M. E. the Grand Z. has issued his dispensations for the establishment of eleven new Chapters. Seven of these were started by himself, and

he reports most favorably of them. The other four were instituted by the Grand Superintendents of the respective districts in which they are located, and they too are highly spoken of by those officers.

CROW'S NEST CHAPTER.—Thirteen Companions at Fernie, B.C., applied early in the year, their dispensation being dated 10th February, but before they could make a start a destructive fire visited the town and consumed, among many other buildings, the Masonic Hall. It was late in the year before they were instituted, but they added six to the membership then, with many applications forthcoming. They have a splendid home and the future seems bright

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, TORONTO JUNCTION.—Dispensation dated 7th April; twenty-three Companions petitioned. At the close of the year they had added twenty new members, and have as many more petitions in hand.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER.—Ten Havelock, Ont., Companions petitioned on 26th April. The prospects are most encouraging for a live Chapter at this busy place. They have added six to the membership and are confident of making a good year's record.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER.—The Fort William, Ont., Companions, numbering sixteen, petitioned in March, but dispensation not issued until September. They have given good reason since for the faith that is in them. They added twenty-two up to the close of the year and see a year's heavy work ahead.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER.—Located at Brandon, Man., is another that gives promise of much activity. The dispensation was issued to nine Companions 18th May, and in the brief interval they added thirty-two to the membership, with prospects in the near future of similar additions.

CYRUS CHAPTER.—Ten Companions at Cumberland, on distant Vancouver Island, B.C., petitioned on 30th July. The Chapter was instituted by the M. E. the Grand Z., who reports highly of their prospects. They added twelve to the original thirteen petitioners up to Dec. 31st.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, MAXVILLE, ONT.—Nine Companions petitioned on 22nd Oct., and in the brief interval had added thirty-seven before the year closed.

PRESQU'ISLE CHAPTER, BRIGHTON, ONT. — Dispensation issued on 12th Oct. to seventeen Companions, has also done well, having supplemented the ranks by seven additions up to the close of the year and with plenty of material in sight.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, TORONTO, ONT., instituted as late as the 14th Dec., with twenty-five petitioning Companions, made a record by admitting at its opening 105 new members, and since that date has added some twenty-five more, all well-disposed Masons and citizens of good repute.

BERNARD CHAPTER, LISTOWEL, ONT., with the regulation number of petitioners, this Chapter had started to work on 21st November, and added five to the membership before the 31st December. The prospects for its future are very hopeful.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, LUCKNOW, ONT.—Ten Companions petitioned on 6th December and lost no time in adding to that number when the dispensation was intrusted to them. They have already admitted twenty-five brethren and promise as many more within a brief period.

The statements presented to your Committee by the Chapters themselves by the Grand Superintendents of the several districts and by the M. E. the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E., are such as to warrant the assertion that in no single instance can any serious doubt arise as to the future well-being of these new Chapters.

They are all located in fruitful, active Masonic centres, housed in comfortable, well-appointed quarters, equipped in each instance with the proper and complete paraphernalia and accessories for the carrying out of the degrees, and officered by energetic, enthusiastic and efficient Companions. Your Committee therefore cordially recommends that charters be issued to each and all of these Chapters, believing that it will be in the interest of Royal

Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, to encourage the efforts of Companions who have begun a good work so well.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. MOORE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg leave to report as follows: That we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Treasurer, and find that they agree accurately with the bank's certified statement up to Dec. 31st, 1904. The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the year 1904:—

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1903.....	\$ 2,597.76
“ Certificates.....	1,230.00
“ Membership Dues.....	1,938.10
“ Registration Fees.....	1,273.00
“ Dispensations.....	295.00
“ Warrants.....	10.00
“ Constitutions.....	145.80
“ Sundries.....	69.40
“ Interest (Industrial School Bonds).....	680.00
“ Interest (Toronto General Trusts).....	80.00
“ Interest (Town of Orillia Debentures)...	99.80
	<hr/> \$ 8,418.86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders on Benevolence.....	\$ 575.00
Salary, Grand Scribe E.....	1,200.00
Salary, Grand Treasurer.....	100.00
Rent, Temple Building.....	150.00
D. Rose & Son, Proceedings.....	353.24
The Hunter, Rose Co., General Printing,—	
Constitutions, etc.....	392.10
Briggs Printing Co.....	12.75
Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates.....	245.70
Ambrose Kent & Co., Goods and Repairs...	30.84
Thomson Engraving Co., Dies, etc.....	24.55
Engrossing Warrants.....	12.00

Grand Z., Travelling Expenses.....	\$171.00	
Grand Scribe E., Incidentals.....	348.25	
Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00	
Office Assistance.....	12.50	
Guarantee Bonds.....	15.00	
Book Case.....	14.00	
Wreath, late R. E. Comp. Simpson.....	10.00	
Cairns & Co., Repairing Seal.....	3.35	
Insurance.....	6.45	
Expenses, representative at funeral.....	6.50	
Grand Janitor.....	5.00	
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Total Disbursements.....		\$3,788.23
Balance on hand, Bank of Commerce...		4,630.63
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		\$8,418.86

ASSETS.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts, 4 per cent...	\$ 2,000.00	
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, 4 per cent.	17,000.00	
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, 4 per ct.	1,218.13	
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, 4 per ct..	1,266.86	
Balance, Bank of Commerce.....	4,630.63	
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		\$26,115.62

LIABILITIES.

Benevolence.....	\$720.00	
Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00	
Incidentals, 1905.....	300.00	
Balance Incidentals, 1904.....	52.75	
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		\$1,172.75

Your Committee is pleased to note the large increase in the membership of Grand Chapter and the consequent increase in the receipts.

Owing to the increase in membership, the duties of the Grand Scribe E. have become more onerous, necessitating the employment of assistance. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the salary of said officer be increased to the sum of \$1,500 per annum to enable him to procure and pay for such assistance.

Your Committee also recommends that a long distance telephone be installed in the office of the Grand Scribe E.

Your Committee is of the opinion that part of the funds now in the Bank of Commerce should be invested in interest-bearing bonds, and recommends that the M. E. the Grand Z., appoint a committee to take such into consideration, and invest such amount as in their opinion is not required for current expenditure.

Your Committee cannot close this report without referring to the very satisfactory manner in which the books of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer are kept.

Fraternally submitted,

W. WALKER,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Comp. W. Walker, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

The Committee has perused and considered the reports of the seventeen Grand Superintendents which have been presented to it. The report of one district, St. Lawrence, No. 12, has not been received. The Committee understands that this district was without a Superintendent during the year. The Committee finds that there are, at the present time, on the roll of the Grand Chapter, 119 Chapters with a membership of 8,991. The following Chapters have not been visited during the past year: No. 6, St. John's, Hamilton; No. 48, St. John's, Cobourg; No. 58, Pembroke, Mattawa; No. 69, Grimsby; No. 88, MacNabb, Dresden; No. 121, Wascana, Regina; Fort William, U. D., Fort William; and all the Chapters in the St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

These Chapters are commended to the special care of the incoming Grand Superintendents so that they may receive an early visit. The Grand Superintendents, in whose districts the non-visited Chapters are situated, are not to blame, as in some cases circumstances were too strong for them, and in others those officers, though they endeavored to arrange for visits to certain Chapters, were unable to get any replies to their communications from the Scribes, although they wrote them two or three times.

The territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter is enormous. In the West especially, the Chapters are long

distances apart and, to cover the ground, Superintendents are obliged to make long journeys and suffer much inconvenience, as well as bear expense, in order to visit all the Chapters under their supervision. One of the Grand Superintendents reports that it required four days of his time to visit one of his Chapters, and another reports that he travelled 1,700 miles in order to visit the four Chapters in his district. It will, therefore, be seen what sacrifices have to be made by these officers in order to perform duties which are largely a "labor of love."

The Committee desires to call attention to the neglect of a number of Scribes to forward to their Grand Superintendents the statistical tables showing the growth, work and general progress of their Chapters during the year. These statistical tables are valuable in many ways, and in their absence the standing of the Chapters cannot be ascertained with accuracy or incorporated in the year's history. This matter has been referred to before, but the carelessness still continues. The Committee is surprised at the neglect of plain duties which are laid upon the Chapters' officers, especially the Scribes, viz., that of answering immediately the communications from those in authority over them, and promptly forwarding returns to their Grand Superintendents, so that they may be incorporated in their reports to Grand Chapter. The Committee desires to emphasize the fact that neglect to perform these duties is not merely discourteous, but is a positive breach of the laws of Grand Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are on the whole very satisfactory reading, as they evidence the closeness of touch which those officers had with the various Chapters under their supervision, and also afford the gratifying information that large numerical growth, prosperity and harmony prevail almost without a shadow in all the Chapters owing allegiance to this Grand Chapter. The numerical growth during the past year is phenomenal, exceeding that of last year, which was a record. The number of admissions during the past year were 1,364; the affiliations were 228; restorations, 27; additions from last year, 50; total gain, 1,669. The resignations were 157; S. N. P. D., 110; and the deaths 87; total 354; showing a net gain in membership of 1,315,

or 577 in excess of last year. The large number of admissions is proof that the Royal Arch body is increasing its hold upon intelligent Craft Masons.

The Committee is of opinion that there is not the strong effort made to bring Master Masons into the supreme degree that its relation to Ancient Craft Masonry calls for, and deserves. An example of what can be done to strengthen the Royal Craft has been shown by the establishment of a new Chapter, The St. Patrick, in Toronto, which, in a month after its birth, had a membership of 130, of which 105 were initiates. While the Committee is pleased to record its satisfaction with the large numerical growth of the Order, it does so only because it believes that care and scrutiny of the strictest kind has been exercised before any candidate is exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

The Committee finds that with scarcely an exception the work appears to have been carefully and intelligently performed in every Chapter. In no case is any serious incapacity reported. Indeed if the Committee has to base its opinion of the work done in the Chapters on the evidence afforded by the Grand Superintendents' reports, it would seem that a very high state of efficiency prevails throughout the jurisdiction, as, with scarcely an exception, the Principals are reported able to work all the degrees.

The ordinary business of the Chapters, with the exceptions noted as to correspondence and returns, appears to have been well conducted. The secretarial work of a Chapter is of great importance to its well-being, and it is therefore a matter of congratulation that in nearly every instance the work of the Scribe E. is reported to be carefully and intelligently performed. The financial affairs of the Chapters also appear to be well looked after, as the treasurer's books and accounts are reported to be carefully kept. The only point in connection with the business management of the Chapters to which your Committee feels called upon to direct attention is the large and increasing number of Companions reported to be twelve months in arrears for dues and, speaking relatively, the enormous sum in the aggregate, these arrearages amount to. Your Committee specially directs the

attention of the incoming district Superintendents to this serious matter, so that they may press upon the First Principals and officers of the Chapters the necessity for taking steps to lessen or remove a state of affairs which is a reflection on their business reputation. The annual dues payable by the Companions is, as a rule, so small a sum that your Committee is at a loss to understand how such large amounts have been allowed to pile up. The Committee is pleased to notice that, with very few exceptions, the Chapters have taken the very wise precaution of insuring their properties, paraphernalia, etc.

Your Committee is pleased to find that the benevolence of the private Chapters is now recorded in the statistical table, a column having been inserted therein for that purpose. From the information which has been derived from the reports as far as received, it would seem that the benevolence of the private Chapters amounted to nearly \$1,233, which is a very satisfactory showing.

The Committee regrets that in only a very few districts were Chapters of Instruction held, the excuses for their absence being that the work was well done in all the Chapters. Whether the work is well or ill done, the holding of Chapters of Instruction is of such a general benefit that the various Grand Superintendents should feel it to be a serious responsibility resting on them to have at least one Chapter of Instruction in each of their districts during the term of their office. Perfection is difficult to attain and, even if attained, can be easily lost where there is absence of instruction and a cessation of that emulation that arises where different Chapters are working degrees in a Chapter of Instruction.

The Committee has observed with great pleasure the activity and energy displayed by the Grand First Principal, who seems to have been untiring in his efforts to further the cause of the Royal Craft. Nearly every district has received a visit from him. The Committee particularly congratulates the Grand Chapter on the visit paid by the Grand First Principal to the prairie region and the Pacific coast. One has only to read the reports of the district Superintendents in the west to see with what gratitude and pleasure the Companions welcomed him, many of them having never seen a Grand First Prin-

cipal of the Grand Chapter of Canada before. The effect of the Grand Z.'s visit has been immediate, new life seems to have been put into the Royal Craft in that western territory, great interest has been awakened and large accessions to our ranks have taken place.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report on the address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal. The Committee rejoice in the assurance that the relations with other jurisdictions are of the most cordial and amicable nature, and heartily welcome to Grand Chapter the representatives appointed near it, with the knowledge that those appointed near sister Grand Chapters will be as cordially received, and will strengthen the bonds of amity at present existing.

The Committee is pleased to learn that the Companions appointed to devise means for securing "uniformity of the esoteric work" have, by the adoption of the work practiced by the Grand Chapters of Great Britain, thoroughly succeeded, and that uniformity now prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

The Committee recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Z., that a committee be appointed to arrange for the remodelling of the ceremony of opening Chapters, be concurred in.

The comparison of increases in Chapters, in membership and in receipts, during the past five years, as tabulated by the Grand Z., show at a glance the great progress which our Order is making, each successive year exceeding its predecessor; the year just closed surpassing every

other, with the increase of eleven Chapters and a net gain of 1,315 members, thereby evidencing the fact that the Royal Craft is steadily and surely increasing in popularity.

While rejoicing with the Grand First Principal in the phenomenal increase in membership, the Committee join him in the warning to be careful that only such brethren as are worthy Masons, and well skilled workmen, are advanced to the Holy Royal Arch.

The Committee mourn the death during the year of many eminent Companions of other jurisdictions, and extend to the Grand Chapters who have suffered loss, brotherly sympathy. To the Chapters of our own obedience, whose ranks are depleted by the death of active and dearly beloved Companions, the condolence of Grand Chapter is given and it is recommended that memorial pages be erected in the proceedings to the memory of Right Excellent Companions J. B. Simpson and J. A. Mackenzie, of Sarnia; A. B. Munson, of London; James A. Nelles, of Guelph; and John Parry and Wm. Braund, of Dunnville.

The Committee note the strong denunciation of a case of flagrant canvassing for office in one of the Chapters, and the action of the Grand Z. in suspending from his "office and rank" the offending Companion, the Third Principal of that Chapter, for said offence, and for contumacy in failing to reply to a number of questions submitted to him by the Grand Superintendent of the district, who had been appointed to investigate the charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against him.

The Committee heartily concur in the several decisions given by the Grand Z. and reported in his address.

The Committee approve of the proposition that the rank of a Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon R. E. Comp. George P. Wenino, Past Grand Registrar, in recognition of the faithful discharge of the duties of Grand Superintendent of the London District, to which he was appointed on the death of R. E. Comp. J. B. Simpson, and recommend that such past rank be conferred.

The Committee note with pleasure the hearty welcome extended to the Grand Z. by the various Chapters

visited by him during the year, especially by the Chapters in the western portion of Ontario, in Manitoba and British Columbia, and trust that these visits will result in a more lively interest being taken in Capitular Masonry.

The Committee cannot close this report without expressing hearty thanks to the Grand First Principal, who has so faithfully discharged the duties of his high office and spared neither time nor effort in the perfecting of the work and the propagation of the doctrines of Capitular Masonry, and join him in congratulating the Grand Chapter on its District Superintendents, who deserve much praise for the faithful discharge of onerous and important duties, and in having as its executive officer, R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, an efficient and zealous officer, to whom is due much of the harmony which happily exists between the subordinate bodies and this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, seconded by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto, be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The motion being put to Grand Chapter, it was declared carried unanimously.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Lindsay, retires in	1906
R. E. Comp. J. S. Dewar, London,	" 1907
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" 1908

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Grand Z. having appointed scrutineers of the

ballot, with R. E. Comp. W. Geo. Eakins as chairman, the results of the elections were declared as follows:

R. E. Comp. William Roaf, K.C., Toronto,	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. John. Leslie, Winnipeg,	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton,	Grand J.

Grand Chapter was then called off for the space of fifteen minutes to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter resumed labor, when the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Geo. Moody, Highgate	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
R. W. Evans, London	London	"	2
Jas. Sniley, Paris,	Wilson	"	3
Wm. Oelschlager, Berlin,	Wellington	"	4
Wm. Robinson, Oakville	Hamilton	"	5
E. L. Dickinson, Goderich,	Huron	"	6
D. Ross, Welland,	Niagara	"	7
R. J. Gibson, Toronto,	Toronto	"	8
J. T. Lovell, North Bay,	Georgian	"	9
R. L. Huggard, Whitby,	Ontario	"	10
R. H. Spencer, Trenton,	Pr. Edward	"	11
Wm. Allison Logan, Prescott,	St. Lawrence	"	12
Jno. L. Culbert, Ottawa,	Ottawa	"	13
Chris. R. Reid, Sudbury,	Algoma	"	14
G. McIntyre Gibbs, Neepawa,	Manitoba	"	15
S. C. Sykes, Vancouver,	British Columbia	"	16
J. M. Young, Regina,	Alberta	"	17
Jas. A. Harvey, Cranbrook,	Kootenay	"	18

The election of Grand Officers was then resumed with the following results:

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto,	Grand Scribe E.
M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton,	Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Comp. Geo. K. Clemens, Toronto,	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto,	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
R. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson, London,	Grand Registrar.
R. E. Comp. Jas. Pritchard, Toronto,	Grand Janitor.

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. E. Comp. Aubrey White.....	Toronto.
R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt.....	Sarnia.
R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch.....	Kingston.
R. E. Comp. O. Ellwood.....	London.
R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith.....	Toronto.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto and Niagara Falls were put in nomination for the next Annual Convocation. Toronto was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter by a large majority.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. ABRAHAM SHAW.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by E. Comp. G. B. Foster, and

Resolved,—That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, P. G. Z., in token of Grand Chapter's appreciation of the zealous work done by him during the last two years.

M. E. Comp. W. Gibson, being in the chair *pro tem*, appointed R. E. Comps. W. Roaf, John Leslie, George Moore, Aubrey White and W. S. R. Murch a committee to procure and present the testimonial just voted to M. E. Comp. Shaw.

MOTION *re* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That Section 15 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the word "officers" in the eleventh line the following: "The five Companions nominated for the Executive Committee who obtain the highest number of votes cast in the ballot shall be declared duly elected. Each Companion shall vote for five nominated Companions, otherwise his ballot shall be void."

MOTION *re* CEREMONIES.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the committee on the revision of the ceremonial working, referred to by the M. E. the Grand Z. in his address, also take into consideration the advisability of revising the ceremony of installation in the subordinate Chapters.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw gave notice that he would, at next Annual Convocation, move that Article 9 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the word "election" in the eighth line, "all nominations, whether for the above offices, for the five elective places on the Executive Committee (see Article 15), or next place of meet-

ing, must be deposited with the Grand Scribe E. before noon of the day of the Annual Convocation."

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, seconded by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception of the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following Companions were subsequently appointed to office in Grand Chapter by the M. E. the Grand Z.:

E. Comp.	Alf. Webb, M.D., N'm'k't	Grand Senior Sojourner.
" "	Jas. G. Boyce, Toronto,	" Junior Sojourner.
R. " "	J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" Lecturer.
" "	Milo H. Steele, Almonte,	" Sword Bearer.
" "	J. W. Morrison, Vancouver	" Master of 1st Veil.
" "	R. J. Gibson, M.D., Cop. Cliff	" Master of 2nd Veil.
" "	Fred. Staunton, Hamilton,	" Master of 3rd Veil.
" "	J. I. Wylie, M.D., Dresden,	" Master of 4th Veil.
" "	W. H. Morden, Oakville,	" Standard Bearer.
" "	Fred. J. Skinner, Gananoque,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	R. S. Hays, Seaforth,	" Organist.
" "	D. A. Clark, M.D., Uxbridge,	" Pursuivant.
" "	T. J. O'Neill, Pt. Colborne,	" Steward.
" "	R. A. Rastall, Brantford,	" "
" "	F. J. Winlow, Sarnia,	" "
" "	W. A. Lyon, Toronto,	" "
" "	R. F. White, Meaford.	" "
" "	J. S. Wilson, Boissevain,	" "
" "	H. H. Alger, M.D., Stirling,	" "
" "	H. A. Hackett, Amherstb'g.	" "
" "	H. Grigerich, Kaslo,	" "
" "	E. P. Cornell, Berlin,	" "

The M. E. the Grand Z. further appointed the under-mentioned Companions to the Executive Committee:

R. E. Comp.	William Walker.....	Toronto.
"	William Forbes.....	Grimsby.
"	J. Earl Halliwell.....	Stirling.
"	W. T. Toner.....	Collingwood
"	S. A. Luke.....	Ottawa.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed
in AMPLE FORM, at 5.30 p.m.



Geo. J. Brunch

Grand Scribe E.

TORONTO, JANUARY 28th, 1905.

CHAPTER RETURNS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	Anc. Front. & Catar.	Kingston.	Third Friday	W. T. Connell.	Chas. Turner.	5	2	..	2	2	2	69	3	..
2	The Hiram.	Hamilton.	Fourth Friday	A. G. Bain.	Fred. Walter.	29	2	..	2	2	2	235	8	..
3	St. John's.	London.	Fourth Wednesday	Jas. A. Tancock.	Oliver Ellwood.	22	2	1	4	8	5	230	1	..
4	St. And. & St. John.	Toronto.	Third Friday	Walter H. Blight.	Geo. A. Gribble.	10	..	..	5	2	2	121	..	..
5	St. George's.	London.	Fourth Friday	Stephen Grant.	C. C. Reed	11	..	4	..	..	..	146	..	..
6	St. John's.	Belleville.	Second Thursday	J. W. Bell.	W. J. McAllister.	11	..	1	2	5	2	221	..	..
7	The Mora.	Belleville.	First Tuesday	W. S. Morden.	W. M. McKewen.	11	..	1	2	4	2	101	3	..
8	King Solomon's.	Toronto.	Fourth Tuesday	W. M. Stinson.	James Low.	7	1	1	3	5	4	156	12	..
15	Wawanosh.	Sarnia.	Second Friday	Geo. P. Wenino.	A. K. Wanless.	19	1	8	4	..	..	189	..	..
16	Carleton.	Ottawa.	Third Friday	Jno. Robertson.	John B. Wright	8	2	..	2	5	2	98	3	..
18	Oxford.	Woodstock.	Third Monday	C. H. Cheyne.	H. A. Biggins	7	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	..
19	Mount Moriah	Woodstock.	Friday on or b. f. m.	S. P. Gourlay.	A. T. Riddell	10	2	1	1	..	1	100	9	..
20	Mount Horeb.	Brantford.	First Friday	Ross A. Rustell.	Thos. Kerr	9	..	..	9	..	2	80	10	..
22	Grenville.	Prescott.	Second Tuesday	W. A. Logan.	Geo. Rook	5	1	..	1	..	..	65	4	..
23	Simcoe.	Simcoe.	Thursday af. f. m.	W. A. McIntosh.	J. Porter	10	1	9	..	2	4	134	..	..
24	Tecumseh.	Stratford.	Third Monday	Jno. Stevenson.	J. Russell Stuart	9	..	..	..	..	..	115	3	..
26	St. Mark's.	Trenton.	Tuesday on or b. f. m.	G. R. Robertson.	W. E. Blakeley	11	1	..	2	2	1	56	12	..
27	Manitou.	Collingwood.	Second Friday	Robt. Hughes.	C. T. Stephens	13	..	..	1	..	..	89	10	..
28	Pentelpha.	Oshawa.	Second Friday	J. F. Grierson.	L. K. Murtion	6	..	..	1	..	..	66	5	..
29	McCallum.	Dunnville.	Friday on or af. f. m.	A. M. Clark.	J. B. Sheehan	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..
30	Huron.	Goderich.	Third Tuesday	E. L. Dickenson.	Joseph Beck	10	1	4	1	4	2	76	3	..
31	Prince Edward.	Pictou.	Monday on or af. f. m.	R. E. Wright.	Jno. L. Graydon	17	1	..	1	..	2	175	14	..
32	Waterloo.	Galt.	Second Monday	Geo. H. Thomas.	Chas. Blake.	25	4	1	6	1	2	74	5	..
34	Signet.	Barrie.	Second Tuesday	Jas. Shrubsole.	W. J. Hallett.	8	..	..	1	..	..	166	22	..
35	Keystone.	Whitby.	Third Friday	Geo. Britton.	W. J. Luke	7	..	1	3	2	2	76	1	..
36	Corinthian.	Peterborough.	Third Tuesday	J. G. M. Wilson.	W. H. Walkey	8	..	..	2	..	..	79	14	..
37	Victoria.	Port Hope.	Second Friday	Thos. H. Bell.	W. W. Sanders	16	..	..	..	..	..	72	3	..
40	Guelph.	Guelph.	Second Friday	W. A. Clark.	R. Howie	2	1	..	..	..	2	58	2	..
41	Harris.	Ingersoll.	Second Friday	John A. Neff.	J. F. Williams	2	1	..	3	1	..	54	4	..
44	Mount Sinai.	Napanee.	Wednesday af. f. m.	M. R. Reid.	J. G. Fennell	6	1	1	..	..	1	82	5	..
45	Excelsior.	Colborne.	First Tuesday	F. O. McGlennon.	James Thorne	6	..	..	1	4	3	90	12	..
46	St. Marys.	Chatham.	Third Friday	A. Carman.	J. A. Donald.	7	1	..	3	4	3	39	1	..
47	Wellington.	St. James.	Second Thursday	W. J. Kenny	Alex. Gregory	18	1	..	1	..	1	45	..	..
48	St. John's.	Cobourg.	Friday on or b. f. m.	F. A. Henry	Robt. Buck	2	1	..	1	1	1	22	2	..
50	Saugeen.	Walkerton.	Third Tuesday	Wm. Henry Day	R. C. Cheswright	2	1	..	2	1	..	22	..	..
52	Prince Rupert.	Winnipeg.	First Thursday	H. Cockman	G. L. Jennings	16	2	1	2	..	..	216	15	..
53	Bruce.	Petrolia.	Third Wednesday	S. McCann	John Sinclair	3	..	1	..	..	2	97	2	..
54	Paestine.	St. Thomas.	Second Thursday	P. S. Minshall.	W. E. Isardi.	11	..	..	2	1	1	172	8	..
55	Niagara.	Niagara.	Thursday af. f. m.	F. W. Cowley	Richard Briggs	13	..	..	1	..	1	32	1	..
56	Georgian.	Owen Sound.	Third Tuesday	Donald McKenzie.	Jno. Rutherford	15	..	..	..	..	..	94	15	..
57	King Hiram.	Port Colborne.	First Thursday	Chas. D. Winn.	Thos. J. O'Neill	1	..	..	..	2	2	24	..	..
58	Pembroke.	Mattawa.	Third Tuesday	C. W. Haentschel.	W. G. Dimwood	2	1	..	..	..	..	40	2	..
59	Sussex.	Brockville.	Third Friday	Henry Rath.	Geo. K. Dewey.	6	1	..	..	..	..	92	7	..

60	Doric.	Newmarket.	First Wednesday.	G. L. Ketchen.	J. E. Hughes.	8	10	2	95
61	Granite.	Almonte.	Second Tuesday.	W. H. McCarthy.	Robert Lees.	4	1	5	59
62	York.	Eglinton.	First Thursday.	Richard Lennox.	Wm. Duncan.	8	1	9	53
63	Kearney.	Kearney.	Third Thursday.	Wm. Hay.	M. J. Macpherson.	6	2	5	53
64	Havlock.	Wendland.	Last Wednesday.	Rev. Dr. Johnstone.	Geo. Wells.	7	1	8	68
65	St. Paul's.	Wendland.	Second Wednesday.	F. C. Snider.	S. T. Bastedo.	7	3	1	142
66	The Malloch.	Seaford.	Third Monday.	A. Barton.	R. S. Hays.	6	1	1	42
67	Enterprise.	Harriston.	First Monday.	A. F. Ballins.	Thos. E. Dowling.	12	1	1	99
68	Maitland.	North Augusta.	Friday af. f. m.	Dr. W. H. Waddell.	G. A. Love.	5	1	1	26
69	Grimsby.	Grimsby.	First Wednesday.	A. E. Phipps.	P. Falconbridge.	5	1	5	60
70	Grand River.	Bracebridge.	Third Thursday.	F. W. Mills.	F. P. W. Wane.	12	2	3	59
71	Prince of Wales.	Amherstburg.	First Monday.	Geo. T. Florey.	Arthur W. Marsh.	5	1	6	61
72	Kcystone.	Stirling.	Wednesday on or b. f. m.	P. E. McKee.	J. E. Halliwell.	10	1	1	46
73	Erie.	Ridgeway.	Monday on or af. f. m.	Ed. Long.	A. Long.	5	1	4	54
74	Beaver.	Strathroy.	Thursday af. f. m.	Joseph H. Argue.	J. Elgin Wetherell.	13	2	1	26
75	St. Clair.	Milton.	Thursday af. f. m.	Wm. Stark.	Wm. P. Mitchell.	3	2	1	34
76	Mount Nebo.	Niagara Falls, S.	Friday on or b. f. m.	R. G. Murray.	D. W. Mitchel.	30	1	1	114
77	Occident.	Parkhill.	Second Friday.	R. W. Brennan.	Geo. K. Clemens.	31	1	5	172
78	Minnewawa.	Parkhill.	Friday on or af. f. m.	Geo. Sutherland.	Wm. Dawson.	13	1	3	57
79	Orient.	Toronto.	Fourth Thursday.	William Bain.	F. H. Anderson.	13	1	21	100
80	Ark.	Windsor.	Second Monday.	Chas. Koelin.	A. E. Edgar.	13	2	3	109
81	Aylmer.	Aylmer.	Friday on or af. f. m.	C. F. Burdick.	J. E. Richards.	2	1	2	88
82	Shuniah.	Port Arthur.	Third Friday.	H. A. McKibbin.	J. T. Hollinshead.	20	1	1	85
83	Ionic.	Orangeville.	Friday af. f. m.	John Kilpatrick.	D. McPherson.	13	1	1	81
84	Lebanon.	Wingham.	Third Tuesday.	J. P. Kennedy.	H. E. W. Tamlyn, M.D.	18	1	2	55
85	Macpherson.	Meaford.	Thursday af. f. m.	R. F. White.	J. D. Hamill.	6	1	2	43
86	MacNabb.	Dresden.	First Thursday.	J. I. Wiley, M.D.	J. B. Carscallen.	14	1	1	42
87	Golden.	Rat Portage.	Third Tuesday.	D. T. Ferguson.	G. C. Frisbie.	9	1	3	56
88	Antiquity.	Toronto.	Third Monday.	E. C. Davies.	E. J. Voss.	9	1	3	135
89	Midland.	Lindsay.	Third Thursday.	W. R. Kelly.	G. S. Patrick.	5	2	2	81
90	Tuscan.	Sudbury.	Second Tuesday.	J. S. Gill.	G. E. Silverster.	9	1	9	57
91	Vancouver.	Vancouver.	Second Wednesday.	S. N. Jarrett.	J. W. Prescott.	59	6	1	214
92	St. Lawrence.	Brookville.	First Thursday.	E. B. Moles.	A. Graham, Jr.	12	2	2	69
93	Corinthian.	Boisevain.	Wednesday af. f. m.	Jas. S. Wilson.	Sidney W. Hardy.	17	1	1	57
94	Algonquin.	Sault Ste. Marie.	Fourth Friday.	T. D. Ross.	A. W. Roschborough.	9	1	3	123
95	St. John's.	North Bay.	First Friday.	E. S. Senkler.	H. J. McCubbin.	16	1	1	73
96	White Oak.	Oakville.	Second Tuesday.	W. T. Marlatt.	W. O. Joyce.	4	2	2	48
97	Alberta.	Calgary.	Second Tuesday.	Jas. A. Rankin.	E. Nelson Brown.	5	2	1	90
98	Warkworth.	Warkworth.	Wednesday af. f. m.	J. Humphries.	P. S. Ewing.	9	7	2	48
99	Zercedath.	Morden.	First Wednesday.	T. Rutherford.	H. Meikle.	26	1	1	26
100	St. John's.	Morrisburg.	Tuesday on or af. f. m.	H. H. Bradfield.	Arthur W. Massey.	13	1	4	47
101	Covnant.	Cornwall.	Third Wednesday.	Wm. Clayton.	R. E. Snetsinger.	21	1	1	92
102	Bonnechere.	Renfrew.	Third Monday.	Alf. S. Wade, M.D.	William Hay.	4	1	1	71
103	Brant.	Paris.	Monday on or b. f. m.	W. J. Logie.	W. M. Whitehead.	6	2	1	43
104	Maple.	Carleton Place.	First Tuesday.	J. W. Patterson.	A. H. Edwards.	5	2	7	57
105	Berlin.	Berlin.	Third Friday.	Francis S. Spence.	E. A. Stout.	21	3	1	62
106	North Star.	Edmonton.	Second Tuesday.	F. A. Osborne.	A. R. Duncan.	4	3	1	36
107	King Cyrus.	Leamington.	Tuesday af. f. m.	R. Hillier.	C. A. Edsall.	7	1	5	56
108	Kootenay.	Kaslo.	First Tuesday.	Henry Gregertich.	E. E. Chipman.	8	3	1	41
109	Wascana.	Regina.	Second Thursday.	D. McIntosh.	Frank Nash.	38	1	1	38
110	Roseland.	Rosland.	First Tuesday.	N. F. Townsmd.	R. E. Plewman.	3	1	1	73
111	Nelson.	Nelson.	Second Wednesday.	Geo. Ritchie.	J. H. Nolan.	3	1	3	53
112	Westminster.	New Westminster.	Fourth Thursday.	J. B. Johnson.	R. K. Chapman.	6	1	2	39
113	Rocky Mountain.	Fort Steele.	Second Tuesday.	R. L. T. Galbraith.	James Hislop.	9	2	1	50
114	Assiniboia.	Medicine Hat.	First Friday.	Thos. E. Carbery.	James Cook.	11	1	1	57

CHAPTER RETURNS, 31st DECEMBER, 1904.

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
128	Revelstoke.	Revelstoke.	Second Friday.	Stewart McDonald.	A. E. Miller.	18	...	...	2	1	...	43	15	...
129	Elliot.	Mitchell.	Second Tuesday af. f. m.	W. G. Hinds.	E. A. Dunbar.	3	...	...	...	...	...	37	3	...
130	Chantry.	Southernpton.	Tuesday b. f. m.	B. A. Belyea.	T. H. Burns.	8	...	...	...	...	...	46	8	...
131	Amabel.	Wiarthon.	Thursday on or b. f. m.	N. M. Moore.	S. W. Cross.	6	...	...	...	...	...	34	6	...
132	Leeds.	Gananoque.	Tuesday af. f. m.	James A. Black.	Walter S. Bowden.	15	...	...	1	...	...	56	14	...
133	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	Second Friday af. f. m.	Jno. A. Houston.	Wm. Hyndman.	10	...	...	...	...	...	36	10	...
134	King Darius.	Cannington.	Wednesday af. f. m.	Joseph A. Kift.	Wm. H. Bick.	16	...	...	...	...	...	31	16	...
135	Succoth.	Uxbridge.	Monday af. f. m.	Vivian M. Hare.	H. E. Maddock.	22	3	...	...	...	...	52	25	...
136	King Edward.	Neepawa.	Second Wednesday af. f. m.	Geo. McL. Gibbs.	William Young.	52	2	...	...	...	...	64	54	...
137	Crow's Nest.	Fernie.	Third Friday.	Thos. H. White.	W. H. Switzer.	6	13	...	...	...	...	19	19	...
138	Shekinah.	Toronto Junction.	Second Tuesday.	Jas. A. Ellis.	Geo. J. Thompson.	20	24	...	...	...	...	44	44	...
139	St. Andrew's.	Havelock.	Friday b. f. m.	Joseph Holdcroft, M.D.	H. T. Andrews.	6	10	...	...	...	1	15	15	...
140	Fort William.	Fort William.	First Friday.	Jno. T. Hollinshead.	Alex. Leslie.	32	18	...	...	...	...	40	40	...
141	Keystone.	Brandon.	Second Monday.	Jno. Dickson.	A. P. Jeffery.	32	10	...	...	...	...	42	42	...
142	Cyrus.	Cumberland.	First Wednesday.	Geo. W. Clinton.	Stanley H. Riggs.	12	13	...	...	...	...	25	25	...
143	Glenarry.	Maxville.	Third Friday.	Samuel Henry.	B. P. McDiarmid.	37	9	...	...	...	...	46	46	...
144	Presqu' Isle.	Brighton.	Second Friday.	B. C. H. Becker.	F. A. M. Roblin.	7	17	...	...	...	...	24	24	...
145	The St. Patrick.	Toronto.	Third Friday.	Harry A. Collins.	Wm. S. Milne.	105	25	...	...	...	...	130	130	...
146	Bernard.	Listowel.	Friday af. f. m.	Edwin C. Thornton.	Robt. A. Hunter.	5	10	...	...	...	...	15	15	...
147	Lucknow.	Lucknow.	Thursday af. f. m.	Harry Days.	Hugh Morrison.	25	10	...	...	...	...	35	35	...
Additions from belated returns, previous year.						...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...
						1,364	228	27	157	110	87	8,991	1,323	8

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members Dec. 31st, 1903.	7,676	Number of Registrations to Dec. 31st, 1904	1,364	Forward.	1,669
Chapters on Roll	119	Joinings to Dec. 31st, 1904.	228	Number of Withdrawals.	157
Chapters Represented	88	Restorations to Dec. 31st, 1904	27	"	110
		Additions late returns previous year.	50	"	87
			50	Deaths	354
			1,669		
				Net gain.	1,315
				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 31st, 1904,	8,991

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.

- No. 2. Louis Edworthy, V. H. Wagoner.
- No. 3. Alex. McDonald, C. F. Simmons, H. Warner, D. W. Blackwell, F. E. L. Johnston, Alex. McQueen, W. A. Piper, J. M. Slater.
- No. 4. Geo. Stephen, J. B. Young.
- No. 7. J. P. Thompson, T. E. Elliott, C. C. Gerow, Jno. McKenna.
- No. 16. G. M. Bond, Jesse Herbert, W. J. Johnston, L. J. LeRoy, S. B. Slim.
- No. 18. W. J. Thacker, J. R. Brickwell, J. J. Bannon, J. T. Kenney, G. Whitelaw.
- No. 24. Percy J. Pack, E. C. S. Wardell, John Lander, E. C. Iles.
- No. 30. Hy. Armstrong, D. Johnston, W. N. Howell, Norman Kennedy.
- No. 31. Amos H. Baker, Wm. J. Jamieson, J. S. Henderson, W. M. Owens.
- No. 35. M. O'Donovan, John Smith.
- No. 46. W. J. Gillies, J. B. Muir, Wm. Oddy, Robt. McConnell.
- No. 47. E. J. Forsythe, G. W. Sulman, R. H. Smith, J. C. Bell.
- No. 60. D. W. Mayes, Eli Denne.
- No. 69. G. H. Hewson, C. W. Kitchen, W. R. Hill, E. J. Vanalter, W. A. Snyder.
- No. 70. David Daniels, J. A. McDonald, W. H. Hopkins.
- No. 77. J. S. Seymour.
- No. 78. W. J. Burney, E. M. Bigg, John Hart, Hugh Saunders, John Smith.
- No. 80. John Fry, Chas. Shorter, Arch. Whittaker.
- No. 84. Robt. Mainprize, J. D. Nichol, W. A. Cameron, John A. Barnard.
- No. 86. P. M. Geddes, R. W. Evans.
- No. 94. F. J. Bradd, J. A. Ellis.
- No. 98. S. H. Buxton, W. A. Lewthwaite, W. T. J. Nickalls, R. N. Orbell, T. Sharp, J. A. Watts, W. Wilson.
- No. 101. Hy. G. Baker, Lewyn F. Cutter, W. H. Rutledge.

- No. 104. Harry Perkins, W. D. Frick.
No. 112. D. Fink, G. H. Kennedy, H. J. Robie, W. F. Carstairs,
T. W. Howson, H. O. Fuller, R. M. Bickstead.
No. 115. R. H. Elliott.
No. 119. Alvin Wescott, Wm. Wilson, Jas. Reynolds, M. Williams,
A. M. Wilson.

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 3. Wm. F. Darch.
No. 5. C. A. Cline, J. R. Hammond, E. Blanchard, Jas. Thomson.
No. 6. J. Poole.
No. 8. W. S. Milne.
No. 19. J. E. Alford.
No. 34. Alex. B. Stephens.
No. 35. Richard Francis.
No. 44. F. McL. Radford.
No. 53. A. E. Fitzgerald.
No. 61. T. E. Argue.
No. 64. Harry Hobson.
No. 68. Joseph Holdcroft.
No. 78. Peter McGregor.
No. 81. Wm. Burdick.
No. 83. Robt. W. Greig.
No. 91. John C. Gray.
No. 94. F. J. Bradd.
No. 98. J. Rupert Foster.
No. 101. Frederick Stebbing
No. 116. Thos. Fraser, Frederick Fisher
No. 123. G. L. Lennox.



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John Barry

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT

DIED 18th NOVEMBER, 1903

DUNNVILLE

R. EX. COMPANION

William Braund

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

NIAGARA DISTRICT

DIED 27th NOVEMBER, 1904

DUNNVILLE

R. EX. COMPANION

Wm. A. Melles

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

DIED *25th* JULY, 1904
GUELPH

R. EX. COMPANION

A. B. Munson

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT

DIED 2nd MARCH, 1904

LONDON

R. EX. COMPANION

J. A. Mackenzie

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT

DIED 16th NOVEMBER, 1904

SARNIA

R. EX. COMPANION

Robert Oliver

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

TORONTO DISTRICT

DIED 20th MARCH, 1904

TORONTO

R. EX. COMPANION

J. B. Simpson

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT

DIED 9th OCTOBER, 1904

SARNIA

V. EX. COMPANION

Charles Cameron

PAST GRAND ASSISTANT SOJOURNER

DIED 25th FEBRUARY, 1904

PETERBOROUGH

Deaths

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
2	Aaron Bawdon.....	November 10th.....
2	Tom Hazell.....	November 10th.....
3	J. E. Malone.....	June 25th.....
3	J. A. James	July 27th.....
3	W. J. Carson.....	October 14th.....
3	Wm. Connors.....	November 29th.....
3	Jno. Simpson.....	November 29th.....
4	A. S. Irving.....	April —.....
4	W. P. Sutton.....	October 15th.....
5	A. B. Munson.....	March 2nd.....
6	U. Monk.....	December 24th, '03...
6	A. McPherson.....	December 26th, '03...
6	J. H. Peatfield	January 14th.....
6	E. Vernon.....	February 1st.....
6	J. Ireland.....	March 3rd.....
7	J. G. Frost.....	May 10th.....
7	J. W. Ross.....	September 5th.....
8	E. T. Carter.....	February 29th.....
8	J. H. Pritchard.....	March 7th.....
8	Oliver Wilby.....	March 9th.....
8	Robt. Oliver.....	March 20th.....
8	A. A. S. Ardagh.....	October 22nd.....
15	W. F. Wrighton.....	January 17th.....
15	J. B. Simpson.....	October 9th.....
15	J. A. Mackenzie.....	November 16th.....
15	Wm. Millman.....	December 2nd.....
16	C. H. Schleacow.....	February 19th.....
18	G. Harwood.....	April 9th.....
18	W. F. Coker.....	July 11th.....
19	Geo. Collins.....	September 10th.....
20	J. E. Alford.....	November 21st.....
22	G. T. Howard.....	February 14th.....
22	Jas. S. Allan.....	September 10th.....
27	Robt. Burdett.....	September 17th.....
30	J. J. McMath.....	July 19th.....
30	J. M. Sutherland.....	December 25th.....
32	A. E. Taylor.....	March 30th.....
32	M. T. Bartholomew.....	December 25th.....
34	A. E. Tudhope.....	April 1st.....
34	Wm. Stewart.....	February 11th.....
35	Thos. Huston.....	April 19th.....
35	J. H. Addison.....	February 26th.....
36	Chas. Cameron.....	February 25th.....

Deaths

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
36	J. C. Moffat.....	June 2nd.....
40	J. A. Nelles.....	July 25
40	Wm. Watson.....	September —.....
41	Richard Grigg.....	February 18th.....
44	W. J. Sanders.....	September 5th.....
45	A. E. Mallory.....	October 4th.....
46	Jno. Dutton.....	.....
46	John Grant.....	.....
46	Wm. Baynes.....	July 15th.....
48	J. G. Battall.....	February 29th.....
52	W. F. White.....	November 23rd.....
53	Jno. McKee.....	October 2nd.....
53	W. R. E. Dean.....	October 15th.....
54	Clarence Smith.....	May 16th.....
55	J. G. Dressell.....	June 29th.....
57	Robt. Gillies.....	January 22nd.....
57	J. C. McRae.....	January 30th.....
65	J. H. Farr.....	February 22nd.....
67	Phillip Clapp.....	June 14th.....
69	Robt. S. Ness.....	November 2nd.....
70	Stanley Ashworth.....	March 22nd.....
72	W. R. Solmes.....	June 17th.....
76	Geo. Collins.....	September 10th.....
77	F. P. Gassion.....	January 5th.....
77	Fred. Idenden.....	June 28th.....
77	Robt. Purdon.....	July 8th.....
79	Wm. Barrett.....	February 11th.....
79	D. J. Kelly.....	July 19th.....
82	Harold H. Wallis.....	October 16th.....
82	Robt. Jackson.....	November 18th.....
86	Alex. Mitchell.....	March 21st.....
95	William Irving.....	June 18th.....
98	J. T. Brown.....	March 29th.....
98	E. Hosker.....	May 21st.....
100	Vincent H. Moore.....	June —.....
100	G. F. Reynolds.....	December —.....
101	Wm. McKay.....	March 1st.....
101	John S. McKay.....	November 21st.....
106	Joseph Brayne.....	December 28th.....
110	John Martin.....	October 17th.....
110	John L. Heptburn.....	August —.....
114	Elkenah Mayhew.....	December 2nd.....
124	Jas. B. Johnson.....	February 5th.....
139	John Martin.....	October 15th.....

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" "	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto
" "	J. E. Harding	Lindsay
" "	M. Walsh	Ingersoll
" "	W. G. Reid	Hamilton
" "	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville
" "	Abraham Shaw	Kingston
" "	Henry Robertson	Collingwood
" "	Kivas Tully	Toronto
" "	Hugh Murray	Hamilton
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71,	Pr. of Wales...Amherstburg.	88,	Macnabb....Dresden.....
73,	Erie.....Ridgetown...	119,	King Cyrus..Leamington..

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No.		No.	
3, St. John's...	London.....	54, Palestine...	St. Thomas...
5, St. George's...	London.....	74, Beaver...	Strathroy....
15, Wawanosh...	Sarnia.....	81, Aylmer...	Aylmer.....
53, Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	87, Minnewawa..	Parkhill.....

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

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No.		No.	
18, Oxford.....	Woodstock...	41, Harris.....	Ingersoll.....
20, Mount Horeb	Brantford....	115, Brant.....	Paris.....
23, Ezra.....	Simcoe.....		

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No.		No.	
32, Waterloo....	Galt.....	83, Ionic.....	Orangeville...
40, Guelph.....	Guelph.....	117, Berlin.....	Berlin.....
67, Enterprise...	Harriston....		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

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No.		No.	
2, The Hiram...	Hamilton....	75, St. Clair....	Milton.....
6, St. John's...	Hamilton....	104, White Oak...	Oakville.....

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Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. E. L. Dickenson, Goderich.

No.		No.	
24, Tecumseh...	Stratford....	84, Lebanon....	Wingham....
30, Huron.....	Goderich....	129, Elliot.....	Mitchell.....
66, St. James...	St. Mary's...	130, Chantry...	Southampton
50, Saugeen....	Walkerton...	146, Bernard...	Listowel.....
63, Havelock...	Kincardine...	147, Lucknow...	Lucknow....
66, The Malloch..	Seaforth.....		

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Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. D. Ross, Welland.

No.		No.	
19, Mt. Moriah...	St. Catharines	64, Willson....	Welland.....
29, McCallum...	Dunnville....	69, Grimsby....	Grimsby.....
55, Niagara.....	Niagara.....	76, Mt. Nebo...	Niagara Fs., S.
57, King Hiram..	Pt. Colborne.		

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No.		No.	
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8, King Solomon's	Toronto	91, Antiquity	Toronto
60, Doric	Newmarket	135, Succoth	Uxbridge
62, York	Eglinton	138, Shekinah	Toronto Junc.
65, St. Paul's	Toronto	145, The St. Patrick	Toronto
77, Occident	Toronto		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. T. Lovell, North Bay

No.		No.	
27, Manitou	Collingwood	86, Macpherson	Meaford
34, Signet	Barrie	103, St. John's	North Bay
56, Georgian	Owen Sound	131, Amabel	Wiarton
70, Grand River	Bracebridge		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. R. L. Huggard, Whitby.

No.		No.	
28, Pentalpha	Oshawa	94, Midland	Lindsay
35, Keystone	Whitby	110, Warkworth	Warkworth
36, Corinthian	Peterboro'	134, King Darius	Cannington
37, Victoria	Port Hope	139, St. Andrew's	Havelock
45, Excelsior	Colborne	144, Presqu'Isle	Brighton
48, St. John's	Cobourg		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Trenton.

No.		No.	
7, The Moira	Belleville	44, Mount Sinai	Napanee
26, St. Mark's	Trenton	72, Keystone	Stirling
31, Prince Edward	Picton		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. Allison Logan, Prescott.

No.		No.	
1, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	Kingston	100, St. Lawrence	Brockville
22, Grenville	Prescott	112, St. John's	Morrisburg
59, Sussex	Brockville	113, Covenant	Cornwall
68, Maitland	N. Augusta	132, Leeds	Gananoque
		133, St. Francis	Smith's Falls

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. John L. Culbert, Ottawa.

No.		No.	
16,	Carleton.....Ottawa.....	114,	Bonnechere..Renfrew.....
58,	Pembroke....Mattawa.....	116,	Maple.....CarletonPlace
61,	Granite.....Almonte.....	143,	Glengarry....Maxville.....

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Chris. R. Reid, Sudbury.

No.		No.	
82,	Shuniah.....Port Arthur..	102,	Algonquin...S. Ste. Marie.
90,	Golden.....Rat Portage .	140,	Ft. William..Ft. William..
95,	Tuscan.....Sudbury.....		

MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Geo. McI. Gibbs, Neepawa

No.		No.	
52,	Pr. Rupert...Winnipeg....	136,	King Edward..Neepawa..
101,	Corinthian...Boissevain...	141,	Keystone....Brandon.....
111,	Zeredatha...Morden.....		

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. S. C. Sykes, Vancouver.

No.		No.	
98,	Vancouver...Vancouver...	127,	Keystone....Nanaimo.....
124,	Westminster.N.Westminster	142,	Cyrus.....Cumberland..

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. M. Young, Regina.

No.		No.	
106,	Alberta.....Calgary.....	121,	Wascana....Regina.....
118,	North Star...Edmonton...	126,	Assiniboia..Medicine Hat...

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jas. A. Harvey, Cranbrook.

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120,	Kootenay....Kaslo.....	125,	Rocky Mount'n..Ft. Steele
122,	Rossland.....Rossland.....	128,	Revelstoke...Revelstoke...
123,	Nelson.....Nelson.....	137,	Crow's Nest..Fernie.....

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APPENDIX

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

COMPANIONS:—

After a careful perusal of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters included in the appended list, a no small undertaking by the way, it is the reviewer's opinion that the favorable conditions reported last year are again apparent in the period just closing, only more so. It is positively remarkable that in such a vast body, nearly three hundred thousand Companions, there is little or nothing to chronicle in the line of contentious rivalry and consequent litigation. When we were much less numerically, it was not always so. Can it be that human aspirations and frailties are softened by the lessons of the Royal Craft and that its great mission is bearing a harvest of glorious results? If so, the great popularity of Masonry, which not a few writers fear, is, after all, a source of power and benefit rather than a sign of weakness.

“The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining record tells.”

Alabama

Chapters . . 46.

Members . . 1,732.

“I bring you the glad tidings that our membership has increased 25 to 30 per cent. since our last Grand Convocation, five new Chapters having been instituted and three defunct Chapters having been re-organized.”

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in Montgomery, November 30th, 1903, and Grand High Priest

Chas. R. Bricken started the ball a rolling with the foregoing cheerful remarks. To be the chief ruler is to hold a proud position, but to be the bearer of glad tidings such as the above is to create a pardonable pride in the holder. That he attributed the existing condition of affairs to the right quarter is observed in his enthusiastic recommendation that Grand Secretary Beauchamp be honored with the rank of Past Grand High Priest, and later, Grand Chapter endorsed his proposal by resolution unanimously adopted.

He feelingly referred to the death of Most Excellent Companion James E. Cobb, Past Grand High Priest, which occurred at Las Vegas, New Mexico, on June 2, 1903, where he had gone in the hope of restoring his health.

Grand Representative L. Lazarus, Canada's ambassador, was among the members of the diplomatic corps who responded to the roll call.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter was referred, with request to report on same to this Convocation, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

Reported that "we have given said resolution consideration, and we hereby report adversely on said resolution."

This was a body blow to the blue label legislation, but it is still in the ring, for another resolution was offered to the effect that a Royal Arch Mason who dimits from a Master Mason's Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own volition for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason.

The Committee will wrestle with the problem in the meantime and report at next annual Convocation.

Companion Titcomb is again to the fore with a capital report on Correspondence, in which he is generously disposed towards Canada and the writer.

The Washington reporter having expressed regret that the Alabama Companions could not acquire the ritual by the "mouth to ear" process, he aptly remarks:

"If our good Companion's tears shall flow on account of every Jurisdiction which has a printed ritual, it will require many a pocket handkerchief to wipe those tears away."

Chas. R. Bricken, Luverne, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 419.

Unavoidable circumstances interfered to prevent Chas. D. Belden, M.E., Grand High Priest, from attending the Fourteenth Annual Convocation at Tucson, on the 11th November, 1903. The Deputy G. H. P. presided and Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the absence of the chief ruler, was opened in "ample" form. Canada's representative was among the members of the diplomatic corps present.

The G. H. P. was represented by his annual address, read by his deputy. He was in a thinking mood when he composed it, and his meditations on "Companionship" alone take up two pages of solid long primer.

His immediate predecessor, Dr. Frederick Sweet, died suddenly in the previous April, and he gives to his memory a tribute of esteem and respect, couched in his own expressive style.

In the following August, M. E. Comp. George W. Cheyney, another Past Grand High Priest, died at San Francisco, in a hospital to which he had gone to undergo treatment for a severe malady.

To the possibilities of Arizona as a fertile territory for Royal Arch Masonry, he devoted much attention.

He approved of a Chapter at Globe, renting the hall of a benefit fraternity. This may have been a matter of expediency, but it does not so appear.

Two petitions were received by "Landmark" Chapter, Bisbee. One from a Brother of "Alta" Lodge, No. 9,

of Sandon, B.C., and one from a Brother of "Queen" Lodge, No. 34, of Sherwood, Nova Scotia. These petitions were sent from Cananea, Mexico, where these two gentlemen were working, and were recommended by brethren living at that place. The question that troubled the Chapter was "how the Companions that are on the Investigation Committee are going to make a report on these brothers."

The G.H.P. advised a searching system of correspondence.

Arizona's ritual was good enough for the G.H.P., and personally he preferred the home article to others, which had been subjected to "an exhaustive comparison." Among the outside gems was that of the General Grand Chapter, which, coming from "the ruling body," had been adopted by a number of dutiful "Grand" Chapters.

"How long shall our delight in our old ways hinder us from accepting and adopting the new? * * * * But somehow I do not think that my Companions of Arizona are self-willed or egotistical. I believe them to be and know they are thorough Americans in yielding gracefully to the will of the majority."

How nice! But *fiat justitia ruat coelum*. Despite the agony of tearing heart strings he recommended, like a thorough American, that the General Grand's eminently superior compilation be adopted "as the work of this Grand Chapter," and this Grand Chapter obediently concurred.

He also recommended that the Grand High Priest be authorized to return to the surviving Companions of "Flagstaff" Chapter, No. 5, their former charter, and that they be re-constituted. Also—

That a suitable badge or jewel of office for the Grand High Priest, to be used and worn by him on all official occasions, be procured, and that a sum be annually appropriated toward defraying the actual travelling expenses of the Grand High Priest. The latter recommendation met with a frost.

During the year the town of Winslow, in Navajo County, was honored with a new Chapter. The correspondence report is embraced in the following:

"Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that no communications nor questions have been referred to it for action."

Anthony A. Johns, Prescott, Grand High Priest.

Geo. J. Roskruege, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Chapters . . 71.

Members . . 2,260.

As all the Capitular world knows, the Bear State was honored in October, 1903, with the General Grand's Thirty-second Triennial, and a Special Convocation of Grand Chapter was called at Little Rock to welcome the distinguished visitors

"To the land of the big red apples; to a State with the biggest springs and hottest springs of any State in the Union."

At the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Little Rock on the 18th of the following November, M. E. Companion Charles N. Rix, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter, was presented to his Companions of Arkansas, who were evidently pleased that one of themselves was thus honored.

Grand High Priest Baker's address was not enriched with an abundance of flowery rhetoric. He announced that he granted dispensations for four new Chapters and declined a request for a fifth. He replied in the negative to the following singular question:

"In a case where a Master Mason is a member of an organization which boycotts and expels such of its members as join the State Militia, and in which case it appears that such Master Mason has carried out, or would carry out, such obligation by boycotting members who have joined the State Militia, should such Master Mason be received into the Chapter?"

In the interim between two stated Convocations, a member of a Chapter had filed before his High Priest, in writing, objections to the degrees of the Chapter being conferred on a certain Brother who had been elected to receive the same, a night for conferring the degree of Mark Master having been appointed for a future date. It was contended that the objector should appear in person at the Chapter meeting and there present his objections. The Grand High Priest ruled that the objection

in writing was valid, but the Jurisprudence Committee sided with the contention of personal appearance. This brought about a spirited discussion, and the motion to adopt the report of the Committee was lost, thereby sustaining the decision of the Grand High Priest.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised two hundred dollars, and if he is not too busy looking for some way to spend it, we would ask Companion Bone to kindly revise his lists of Grand Secretaries and Representatives. The imposing address given to us rightfully belongs to our colleague in San Francisco, and R. E. Companion John McLaren, of Orangeville, the worthy representative of Arkansas, would doubtless pale perceptibly on seeing the disguise into which his proud patronymic has been clothed by a heartless compositor.

Gaylord J. Klock, Eureka Springs, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California

Chapters . . 77.

Members . . 8,084.

"Fifty years ago, three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, consisting of 'San Francisco,' No. 1, 'Sonora,' No. 2, and 'Sacramento,' No. 3, holding charters from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, applied to the Mother General Grand Chapter for a warrant to form a Grand Chapter in this State, which warrant was duly issued on the first day of April A.D. 1854."

And on the 19th April, 1904, at San Francisco, this Grand Chapter, with nearly eighty subordinates and over eight thousand members, celebrated its golden anniversary.

Grand High Priest Lott waxed proud and happy when welcoming his Companions:

"Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction has during the past year progressed, improved and prospered far beyond the most sanguine hopes of our predecessors since the organization of the Grand Chapter, and for the year ending with this Convocation the net gain in membership is 804."

Or an increase of 135 over the preceding year. He instituted three new Chapters and constituted three. Ill-health interfered with intended visitations.

The General Grand's ritual having been adopted, he recommended the appointment of a travelling Grand Lecturer in order that the Chapters should be duly and efficiently educated.

The following resolution was submitted:

"That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors by Chapters of this Jurisdiction be and the same is hereby prohibited."

The Jurisprudence Committee reported the same back to the Grand Chapter with the following endorsement:

"While we consider the resolution constitutional, your Committee report the same back to the Grand Chapter without recommendation."

And at the next Annual Convocation Grand Chapter will wrestle with the proposal.

Companion William A. Davies for the Committee presented an exhaustive and comprehensive report on correspondence. He announced, under Canada, that we have 2,675 Royal Arch Masons. The drop of five thousand will doubtless be attributed to that bad man the printer.

Chas. L. Patton, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado

Chapters . . 36.

Members . . 3,059.

Grand High Priest John Humphreys presided over the destinies of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation in Denver, on the 17th September, 1903, and including the proxies there was a good showing of the Royal Craft on the occasion.

Representatives from Grand Chapters of foreign jurisdictions were called to the East, received with the Grand Honors and fraternally welcomed by the Grand High Priest, Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf, representing Canada, responding in their behalf.

Two Past Grand High Priests left vacant chairs in the assembly, both good citizens and enthusiastic Masons.

The deaths of William Newton Byers and Roger Williams Woodbury will be felt in Denver.

The Grand High Priest constituted one Chapter and issued his dispensation for another.

He had expected to devote the first weeks in June to official visitations, but owing to "the continued rains, high waters, delayed trains in the southern part of the State, was not able to do so, and invitations accepted had to be cancelled." Too bad.

He recommended that the per capita tax be increased from sixty cents to sixty-five cents, and that five cents per capita be set aside and paid over each year to the Benevolent Fund.

He was unkind to the General Grand's cipher:

"You all know how unhandy it is, and that it is but little used, and when you received a copy of it, you obligated yourselves that you would not loan it to any one, and that you would commit it, and impart it to 'your less informed brethren.' Is it any wonder that the cipher as furnished by many publishing houses has become a 'necessary evil,' and is found in the hands of Officers and Companions of nearly every Chapter?"

Companion Foster's sixteenth report on Correspondence is not a whit behind any of its predecessors in interest. He covers the ground minutely and misses nothing. Thus he condensed Canada's proceedings for 1903 into three of his own pages, and a capital review it is. To Companion Johnston, of Washington, he says on the temperance legislation topic:

"In our own jurisdiction the Grand Lodge has a decision based on the prohibition section of its law, which prohibits even the stockholder in a brewery from being eligible for the degrees. Where to draw the line between the legitimate and illegitimate dealings in intoxicants seems to be impossible to define, and, therefore, notwithstanding our own Grand Lodge law, our private opinion is that the black ball is all sufficient for the purpose of excluding undesirable material."

1904.

Chapters . . 37.

Members . . 3,201.

The volume for this year opens with a portrait and biography of the Grand High Priest, David Roscoe Crossley, elected at the Thirtieth Annual Convocation at Denver, on September 22nd. At the close of the bio-

graphical sketch appears an ominous black line, underneath which is the following brief notice:

M. E. Companion David R. Crosby, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died at his home in Montrose, Colorado, Sunday, October 30, 1904.

Grand High Priest Tucker, in the opening paragraphs of his address, directed attention to the sudden death on January 10, 1904, of Companion J. E. Chester, Grand Royal Arch Captain, at Idaho Springs, at the age of forty-four; and on September 4, 1904, of Companion Andrew Armstrong, Grand Chaplain for many years; also Past Grand High Priest George T. Cooper, who died on June 20, 1904.

The new Chapter formed the preceding year was constituted by him and a dispensation for another was issued.

On the subject of Grand Representation he said:

"For my own part, I think I can see the possibility of great benefit being derived, not only by a continuation of the present system, but also by extending the sphere of usefulness of the Representatives. If each Representative were to make a report once a year to the Grand Chapter which he represents (and this report should be made as soon as practicable after his attendance at his own Grand Chapter) giving a resume of the work accomplished and the legislation enacted, it would create an interest which would strengthen the bonds of amity already existing, and if his duties were increased along the lines of the Consular service between nations, the system would become so useful that none would want to see it repealed."

The Grand Chapter of New Zealand was accorded recognition.

Companion Foster reviewed Canada for 1904, and quotes approvingly from the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

Commenting on the prompt action of a New York ruler in arresting the Charter of a Chapter which had practised loose habits, he remarks:

"When gangrene sets in, use the knife. It is by showing no cowardice to meet such cases that Masonry can hold up its head. When a spade is called a spade and evil is not smoothed over for fear of hurting some one's feelings, or that the outsiders may not learn about it, the canker-worm will keep on eating until the sore becomes apparent to everyone and injury is done to the cause, whatever it may be. Exposure is the best remedy for wrong doing."

Charles O. Unfug, Pueblo, Acting Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

Chapters . . 40.

Members . . 6,725.

For the one hundred and sixth time this Grand Chapter convened on the 10th May, 1904. The Companions met at Hartford in goodly numbers and enjoyed a pleasant, if uneventful, session.

Frank W. Beardsley, the M.E. Grand High Priest, opened his address with a brief reference to the death of William Wallace Lee, who presided over Grand Chapter in 1872.

He recommended that the decision or resolution requiring Chapters to obtain a dispensation in order to hold a ball or assembly be repealed, on the ground that it was inconsistent with Masonic law, as the matter of holding a ball or assembly by any Chapter would be its own private affair, and over which, "according to Lockwood's Masonic Law and Practice," they have absolute control.

Of the trip to Little Rock and the good time they had he told the story. The triennial gathering didn't strike him as being one for serious business:

"The labors of the General Grand Chapter having been routine, and the decisions thereof confined to the Chapters directly under its obedience, I have dealt somewhat at length on the social features connected therewith from the fact that this is undeniably the event which is looked forward to with so much pleasure."

Grand Chaplain Boylston presented to the Grand Chapter some interesting Masonic certificates of ancient date. One was given at Curacao, West Indies, in 1790, and was a combination of lodge and Chapter membership. A second was a lodge certificate issued by St. John's Lodge, No. 8, of Stratford, in 1795. Other certificates bore dates of 1815, 1796 and 1798.

Companion Barlow, as of yore, is the Correspondent, and like others finds everything so pleasant and harmonious that there is little to write about. A kind review of our 1904 proceedings is included in his report.

On the question of dependent membership he "disagrees" with us. He of Alabama thinks with Companion Barlow, therefore the former is "sound" on that question—ergo the "few" who are on the side of freedom for the Free Mason are "unsound."

Under Montana he remarks, and it furnishes another illustration of the elasticity of some of the "workings" of our trans-border Companions:

"The Principal Sojourner's lecture was revised so as to be illustrated by the stereopticon; we trust they have omitted the story of St. Paul being let down in a basket at Damascus which we have heard given in this lecture."

Stephen P. Goodsell, Winsted, Grand High Priest.

Jas. McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware

Chapters . . . 4.

Members . . . 821.

A net gain of 41 was cheerfully reported by Grand High Priest Lakens to the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation at Wilmington, on the 20th January, and proportionately the increase is gratifying.

His year of office was one of peace, and his duties the reverse of onerous.

He decided that in case of the loss of a demit, the Chapter issuing it could furnish a duplicate. The Committee disagreed with him but he was sustained by Grand Chapter.

The other Committees had nothing before them and the business of Grand Chapter concluded with elections and installation.

Companion Harrison's report on Correspondence is not voluminous, but he "gets there" just the same. Nor does he omit Canada, which is treated to a neat little review.

He is one of the "few" and "we are one of which," who has no use for the P.M. degree in the Capitular system, and, of course, according to the sapient many, are to be characterized as "unsound."

"We do not think that there is any fault to be found with the degree except when conferred by and under the authority of a Chapter of R. A. Masons. The order of High Priesthood is only conferred upon him who by meritorious labor has earned it, so with the P.M. say we."

J. Harmer Rile, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Jas. H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia

Chapters . . 12.

Members . . 3,042.

Two Special Convocations were held, one to constitute a new Chapter and the other to participate in the funeral exercises of the late M.E. Companion, Noble Danforth Larner, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest, which occurred suddenly in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on March 19, 1903.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Washington, on the 10th February, 1904, with Geo. Clarke Ober, Grand High Priest, presiding. He stated that Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia was never in a better or more flourishing condition than it is to-day. The year has been one of great prosperity.

In giving a decision on the question of the right of a certain Companion to affiliate, he remarked that he was influenced by the importance of the absolute necessity of a most rigid examination of the credentials of all applicants for affiliation and a strict adherence to the laws governing such matters.

As an illustration of past looseness he offers the following curious case:

"There is in this jurisdiction one, formerly a member of one of our constituent Chapters, whose right to claim the title of Master Mason has quite recently been questioned. The status of this person in Capitular Masonry will, in my judgment, be a matter for investigation as soon as his Masonic standing, or lack of standing, in the Blue Lodge is determined by the authorities who have the matter under consideration at the present time."

A revision of the Constitution claimed the attention of Grand Chapter for a considerable period. On the third day of the Convocation the Grand High Priest announced the death of Companion Leonard Stoddard, Grand Sentinel, which occurred on the evening of the previous day, in the seventieth year of his age. He had been Grand Sentinel since the organization of Grand Chapter.

In his exordium Companion Johnston, the able Correspondent, says:

"As it has been complained in many jurisdictions that reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence are not read generally

by those who ought to read them and whose duty it is to read them, not to say those who would be benefited by reading them, your committee has endeavored to furnish such a report as will interest any Royal Arch Mason if he will give it half a show."

And any Royal Arch Mason in that jurisdiction of average intelligence who omitted to give it even the ghost of a show, has lost a good thing.

Over two of his pages are given to Canada for 1903. We offered some light comment, he calls it satire, on the stereopticon as an auxiliary in the conferring of the degrees, and he rejoins, not satirically, of course:

"However, it is probably natural that in a provincial jurisdiction, where they learn their degrees from an A B C book, they should be opposed to the appliances of modern science."

Only another case of "dignity and impudence" and the greatest of these is—on this side of the border. He, however, is careful to remark, apologetically, that in his chapters "appliances of modern science" *nee* magic lantern, are unknown.

His report is charming throughout, and we regretfully observe that there is no "conclusion."

A. B. Coolidge, Washington, Grand High Priest.

A. W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Florida

Chapters . . 24.

Members . . 1,080.

Two new Chapters and one restored, and a gain of 158 in membership was the record announced at the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation in Jacksonville, on the 17th May, 1904.

No one would suspect, after a glance at the portrait of Grand High Priest Hutchinson, that such a fine open countenance would ever be agitated by "trepidity." Yet that is precisely the feeling he confessed to in opening his address. He realized his "feeble ability" to do the work and appealed to his Companions to "look upon the spirit in which it was done, and, 'owing to its singular form and beauty,' to pass the imperfect work and remit the penalties."

Past Grand High Priest Warren Tyler passed away in the December previous, and he paid a fitting tribute to his memory. Another past ruler, M. E. Comp. W. M. McIntosh, was called just a month before Grand Chapter meeting.

Referring to his visitations, he hopefully cites the case of one Chapter which hadn't met since June, 1903:

"After waiting sixteen hours for a quorum, Companion Judge Palmer suspended the business of his court, then in session, and, together with the opposing attorneys in the case, attended the Chapter."

Fancy the chief ruler hanging round an ante-room for sixteen hours and then to be rewarded in such a manner. And the Chapter did some business. Petitions were received and balloted for and the two earlier degrees conferred. No useless waiting when once the ball was set a rolling. It created a feeling of elation and hope for the future of the weakling, but if it can survive this we will be astonished.

"If the enthusiasm and untiring efforts of the faithful few of this Chapter could be made 'isochronous,' it would become one of the banner Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction."

The invitation from the Jacksonville Board of Trade, for the members of the Grand Chapter to attend their reception on the formal opening of their new building, was accepted.

Past Grand High Priest's jewels were presented to half-a-dozen Past Grand High Priests, the Grand High Priest making the presentation.

Florida manages to worry along without a Foreign Correspondence committee.

Louis C. Massey, Orlando, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter

The Thirty-second Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America convened at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning on Tuesday, October 6th, 1903.

There are 25 Chapters subordinate to and created by this great body, situated: 9 in Idaho, 3 in Utah, 9 in Wyoming, 1 in Hawaii, 1 in Republic of Chili, 1 in China and 1 in Porto Rico.

The State Grand Chapters, which make up the General Grand, with the exceptions of Pennsylvania and Virginia, are understood to govern themselves, but a dispute between two or more of them may be referred, by consent, to the general body as arbitrator. Having a score or more Chapters of its own, the General Grand can set the pace as in its recent ritual, and the others, although they hate to do it, *vide* California, "follow my leader" as a matter of course.

The cream of the Capitular Craft is to be found in General Grand Chapter, and a worthy successor to many illustrious and gifted Companions was General Grand High Priest James W. Taylor, of Georgia, who welcomed the great gathering to Little Rock.

"Our Government at peace with the world; no carnage, bloodshed or strife interfering with our domestic relations; our newly acquired possessions adapting themselves to the American system of government—the most liberal and equitable form known to civilization; with prosperity in every branch of industry and enterprise greater than ever known since the peals of the immortal 'Liberty Bell' thundered into the ears of the civilized world the freedom of the American Colonies."

Poor old bell! Did it ever before get credit for such a "peal" of thunder?

He then eloquently called the roll of honored dead.

Referring to the possible applications from Havana and Manila, respectively, for charters, he urged caution.

He records a flattering welcome given him at Kansas City, Mo.

"But that reception and banquet! Almost beyond the power of mind to comprehend or the pen to describe.

"In the midst of these enchanting surroundings, that magnificent, silvery-tongued orator, with a heart full of love for his fellow-men, Companion Kuhn, arose from his seat and presented your humble representative with the most beautiful Masonic apron it was ever my pleasure to behold. Its pure white lambskin, as spotless as the drifted snow, emblematical of purity of the heart and rectitude of conduct, ornamented with all the Royal Arch emblems held so dear by the Craft, and bordered with pure virgin gold, with

the only injunction that he wear it at the opening of the next Triennial General Grand Convocation.

"I was completely overcome by this evidence of personal esteem and the magnitude of the love of the Companions for the General Grand Chapter, and only replied that, if God would only continue His goodness to me in preserving my life and health, I would comply with their request. The Master has been good to me, and I appear before you to-day clothed with that token of their love and esteem, and shall cherish the gift while memory lasts."

General Grand Secretary Fox's triennial salary was raised to \$2,400, and New Zealand's Grand Chapter was recognized.

The Arkansas Grand Chapter and Companions generally, arranged a most attractive programme of entertainment. "From the moment when the members of the General Grand Chapter and the ladies accompanying them, the guests of the Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, first set foot within the confines of the beautiful city of Little Rock, until their departure thence for their respective homes, they were the delighted recipients of the most assiduous attention on the part of their hosts and their wives and daughters. If there was one thing omitted that would in the least contribute to their comfort or pleasure, they utterly failed to realize it, and with entire unanimity they expressed unbounded satisfaction with their visit to Arkansas, and its warm-hearted and hospitable Companions."

"Behold how good and pleasant it is—."

Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass., Gen. Grand High Priest.

Chris. G. Fox, Buffalo, N.Y., Gen. Grand Secretary.

Georgia

Chapters . . 121.

Members . . 4,807.

Canada's representative, M.E. Companion A. M. Lambdin, Grand High Priest, presided over the Eighty-second Annual Convocation at Macon, on the 27th April, 1904.

His address, as might be expected from so well-known a Correspondent, dealt with his official acts in a very interesting manner.

On Wednesday, February 24th, 1904, Judge William Augustus Graham, of Fort Gaines, Ga., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, was called to his reward.

Georgia, of course, had first place at the General Grand's Triennial at Little Rock, and the Grand High Priest fails not to include a reference to the "good time."

He was a consistent visitor, and doubtless much good will result from his round of the Chapters.

"On reviewing the work of the year, and conning the lessons that have been learned in going in and out among the Companions in various parts of the State, I have become more and more impressed with the need, joy and blessedness of fraternity. Brotherly love! The very words warm the heart and cheer the drooping spirits! The great cry of humanity is for help and comfort. There is a simple story of a little child, who, having been put to bed one night, begged her mother to stay near by until she fell asleep. 'I can't stay,' said the mother. 'You have your rag doll, and God is here. You will soon be asleep.' 'I don't want a rag doll, I don't want God,' was the cry, 'I want a skin face.' And so it is; like little children, we cry for the 'skin face' that means warmth, life and love. Through the human touch we reach up and grasp the Divine. We owe this duty to each other, and in seeking and helping each other we grow into a higher and holier estate ourselves."

The business before Grand Chapter was mainly of local interest. Before closing however, "Past Grand High Priest A. M. Lambdin was presented at the altar, when Companion Thos. H. Jeffries, by request and in behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented in language beautiful, chaste and grand, a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to Most Excellent Companion Lambdin. Past Grand High Priest Lambdin accepted the jewel in a very graceful manner, his words glowing with love, coming from a heart overflowing with his great appreciation for this high and distinguished honor, and the eloquent personal allusions of Companion Jeffries."

Notwithstanding the great responsibilities attaching to his exalted position, Companion Lambdin never relinquished his grasp of the quill. His report is as entertaining as ever. Under Canada for 1904 he says:

"The address contains the glad tidings that this was the most prosperous year in the history of the Grand Chapter. The net gain was 738, and the total membership is now 7,676. Better still

is the statement that of all this number of Royal Arch Masons, 'not one gave cause of offence.'

"Two of the brightest Masonic lights in this jurisdiction were extinguished during the year in the deaths of Grand Second Principal Dr. DeWitt H. Martyn and Most Excellent Companion J. J. Mason, who was for twenty-nine years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and also a Past Grand First Principal.

"Companion Allen Cameron, of Owen Sound, was recommended for Grand Representative of Georgia. We are glad to welcome him into our family of Representatives. We like his name. It has the good old Scotch ring that stands for honor, loyalty and faithfulness."

Referring to our system of visitation he remarks:

"It is no wonder that peace and prosperity prevail. With such 'eternal vigilance' there is no opportunity for interest to lag or irregularities to creep in. Our neighbors across the border set us a fine example in this respect."

Y. A. Wright, Jackson, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Illinois

Chapters . . 187.

Members . . 21,581.

With "Gil.'s" customary holiday greeting, the proceedings of the Fifty-fifth annual Convocation, held at Chicago on the 27th Oct., 1904, reached our table in a little over a month from the closing of Grand Chapter. Gil. is to be congratulated.

Grand High Priest R. L. McKinley, whose portrait is presented with the attractive volume, reported Grand Chapter as having enjoyed a year of remarkable prosperity.

"While in the far east two great nations are engaged in war and endeavoring to see how many people they can destroy, we have been so situated that we have enjoyed all the blessings that come to a peaceful nation; and while it may not look very cheering to speak of the time 'when nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more,' but yet I verily believe in the work of the Hague International Tribunal."

Singular that the monarch who suggested that peace-giving institution should be so soon engaged in terrible conflict!

To the Companions at Genesee he issued a dispensation for a new Chapter. They did well since formation

and asked for the early number 12, being that of a Chapter extinct and which when active was located at that place. The modest request was acceded to.

He returned a very decided negative to the question: "Would it be proper to donate a part of the Chapter funds to assist in building a public hospital?"

Interesting accounts of Barrett and Macon Chapters, semi-centennial celebrations are included in the volume.

Companion Warvelle's third report on Correspondence is the enticing portion of the compilation, and his essay on topical questions of absorbing interest, that under the heading "From Whence Came Ye" especially so. Would we had the space to reproduce it for the benefit of our Companions. With his own comments on quotations from the writings of historians of the old land, the paper throughout is charming. Robert Freke Gould had written:

"Still older records are contained in a volume which has only recently been restored to the light of day. It is entitled: 'Minute Book belonging to the Most Sublime Degree or Order of Royal Arch appertaining to the Grand Lodge of All England, held at the City of York, 1762.' Five degrees, viz., the three of the Craft, the Royal Arch, and Knight Templar, were worked with the sanction of the Grand Lodge of York, in 1780."

From the foregoing it appears that we have no authentic data showing the working of the Royal Arch degree in England prior to 1750, and that its general cultivation did not begin until considerable time afterward.

Where then did Fredericksburg Lodge, of Virginia, obtain its authority and ritual, for it is certain that on Dec. 22, 1753, a "Royall Arch Lodge" was opened within the Lodge and three brethren were "raised to the Degree of Royall Arch Mason?" This is the earliest minute of the conferring of the degree so far known. Did Fredericksburg Lodge work under an English or an Irish warrant? Who can tell? There, don't all speak at once.

Referring to the above minute, in a paper on Irish Freemasonry which is also found in the proceedings of the Lodge Q. C., Brother Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, the Irish Masonic historian, says:

The two Royal Arch minutes next in point of time bear date respectively five and six years later; the former at Bristol, the latter at Youghal. These two ports had been long connected as commercial centres.

By a kindly coincidence, the earliest minute of the Royal Arch Degree being conferred in Lodge, in Ireland, occurs in the records of those same brethren at Youghal, to whom we are indebted for

the earliest mention of the Royal Arch. The history of the Lodge still remains, very literally, a sealed book, and the minute has never before been published, though the records of the Lodge deserve notice for the quaintness of phraseology no less than for their historical importance.

The minute referred to is as follows:

July 30th, 1759, Lodge night.

"Lodge assembled according to orders. The Master in his 'Chair. Open'd the Lodge in Due Form, receiv'd A Petition from 'Gregory Graham wherein he sett forth his being a member of this 'lodge formerly. In searching the Book we find him Senior Deacon 'to Edward Hawley in the year 1746; and finding nothing laid to 'his charge, we have enter'd him member of the lodge. The same 'night we receiv'd John Jones belonging Cappaquin as a member, 'he produceing a proper Certificate, which we lodg'd in the Box. 'Then proceeded to the passing of Spencer Scannaden and Samuell 'Gardner to the dignity of Royal Arch Masons, they being proper 'Officers of the Lodge, That is, Brother Scannaden Senior Warden 'and Samuel Gardner Junior Deacon, Patrick Hahern having 'resign'd that Commission to him."

Commenting upon the foregoing, Brother Crawley continues:

"The foregoing is the earliest minute recording the actual conferring of the Royal Arch Degree that has been traced in Ireland so far. The earliest corresponding minute of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree in England is almost exactly a year older, the English record bearing date August 7th, 1758, and the Irish record, July 30th, 1759."

Leroy A. Goddard, Chicago, Grand High Priest.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

Chapters . . 107.

Members . . 9,401.

"This Grand Jurisdiction is to-day enjoying an era of prosperity and good-will never before surpassed in its history. The report of our Grand Secretary will show that the net increase in our membership during the past year was the largest since the organization of this Grand Chapter."

Grand High Priest John J. Glendening was pardonably a proud man when uttering those words to his Companions at the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation at Indianapolis, on the 19th October last.

Three new Chapters were constituted. No dispensations for the organization of new Chapters were issued

during the year, no application having been made for the same. "This would imply that the field is fairly well covered and that no new Chapters are needed at the present time."

"When I assumed the duties of this office it was my intention to visit a number of the Chapters in the State during the year, but very much regret that I was unable to do so."

Another contribution to that vast pavement constructed of similar material.

The Grand Secretary complained of too much revenue.

"The present Grand Chapter dues on each member is forty cents per year, and the fee for each exaltation is two dollars. This has produced more revenue than is necessary to meet all the requirements of the Grand Chapter. Your Grand Secretary is satisfied that the dues could be reduced to thirty cents per capita and the fee for exaltation to one dollar, and that the revenue derived therefrom would be sufficient to meet the demands."

This was subsequently concurred in, although the Committee to which it was referred were not entirely unanimous.

A distinctive jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest by a Companion who has attained to the position of Grand King and whose cognomen is Philemon H. Clugston. He essayed to imitate "Mister Dooley," and it was probably the weakest imitation ever attempted. Apart from the lack of dignity, it was an exhibition of exceedingly bad taste. The reproduction of the burlesque is a blot on the otherwise interesting proceedings, the "many congratulations" to the contrary.

The newly installed Grand High Priest promised to visit in person or by deputy every Chapter in the State—a large contract.

M. E. Companion Simeon S. Johnson furnished the review of the Grand Chapters. It is not bulky, but it commands attention. Under Canada for 1904, he notes the remarks of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry with reference to the State of Washington's Grand Chapter in demanding a fee for communicating the P. M. degree to a visiting Companion, and says:

"How such a requirement can be made by the Grand Chapter of Washington we cannot imagine; it is certainly not in accord with our O.B., as this degree is conferred without fee or reward."

He seems to have got mixed up on one of our requirements in elections:

"An unique system in mode of electing Grand Officers—in this, five Companions are voted for and each Companion failing to vote for five loses his ballot and the five receiving the highest number of votes receive the election."

The "unique system" refers, not to the election of Grand Officers, but to the Executive Committee, five of whom are elected every year.

In the case of the principal officers of an Illinois Chapter who were suspended for various periods for overriding the Constitution, he properly considered the punishment too weak, and declared that the Charter should have been arrested.

"O, Heaven, that such companions thou'dst unfold;
And put in every honest hand a whip,
To lash the rascal naked through the world."

W. H. Hamelle, Monticello, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Indian Territory

Chapters . . . 43.

Members . . . 1,818.

As in our own jurisdiction, the number of Chapters is increasing, six being added since last report.

Grand Chapter convened for its Fifteenth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on 12th April, 1904, with an encouraging attendance.

Among the communications read was one from Indian Territory's Representative, near the Grand Chapter of New York. There should be more of this.

Grand High Priest Evans was an active worker during his year and made many visitations. He urged that the Grand Lecturer be something more than a name.

The revised Constitution was adopted. The majority of the Committee on Charters recommended the continuance of the dispensation issued to Companions in the town of Blackwell, Oklahoma, but the minority report, eloquent and convincing, captured Grand Chapter, and the Charter was issued.

The veteran M.E. Companion, J. S. Murrow, prepared the Report on Correspondence, noticing the procedure at Alabama's Convocation. He said:

"The degrees were exemplified under the direction of the Committee on Work. This was just right. The degrees ought to be exemplified at the Grand Chapter Convocations at least once in two years. The representatives take this work with them to their Chapters and are all greatly benefited. This is far better than the use of some printed fraud."

Canada for 1904 is kindly noticed. He gave M. E. Companion Gibson's silver testimonial to M. E. Companion Murray, and will insist on misnaming the writer. But all will be forgiven if he will permit us to copy his concluding words, which, although he claims they should not be included there, are such excellent and interesting reading that we feel sure our Companions of Canada will appreciate this glimpse of the passing of the red man:

"We love Masonry and have worked hard for its life and health in Indian and Oklahoma Territories. It is in a very prosperous condition. Its growth equals the growth in population and development of this marvellous country—one of the richest portions of the United States.

"There are over a million people in these two Territories now, and everything is growing by leaps and bounds. There are nearly 10,000 Blue Lodge and nearly 2,000 Royal Arch Masons in the two Territories. My brethren call me the Father of Masonry in these Territories—the Patriarch, and with some reason, because I helped to organize the first Lodge, the first Chapter, the first Council, and the first Commandery. So far as Masonry is concerned I can say: 'Now, Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.'

"But my heart still lingers with a people with and for whom I have lived and labored far more than for Masonry. I allude to the full-blood Indians. For them I have labored nearly forty-seven years, as a missionary. I was active in the development of the mission work from a mere handful of churches to more than seventy; from a small membership to more than four thousand. Once there were more than 50,000 full-bloods in this Territory and scarcely any whites. They were prosperous and happy; they were rich and respected. Alas! all is changed. The country is full of whites, and very few full-blood Indians compared with the whites. Most of the churches are broken up. The members are in Heaven. The full-bloods are miserably poor, and for a few dollars in cash, with which to purchase food and clothing, are selling their lands for a song. My heart still yearns over them. For them I am willing to live and labor a few years more. I am establishing, under God, a home for orphan children of full-bloods, open to any tribe of Indians in the United States. It will be an industrial Christian Home. Whites and half-breeds will be excluded for the simple reason that they would soon run the full-bloods out, if admitted.

In this Home the orphan children of the Indian race will be taught to work, taught English, and trained to become good citizens of our country. Here a few will be saved from ignorance, indolence and extinction."

John Coyle, Muskogee, Grand High Priest.

Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

Chapters . . 127.

Members . . 9,409.

A very complete protrait gallery is the semi-centennial issue of Iowa's proceedings. There was some difficulty in arriving at perfection in this respect, hence Grand Secretary Wingate's plea for indulgence in the matter of time. The portraits of all the Past Grand High Priests from organization are included in the volume, and this fact, apart from the interesting subject matter, should lend to it an historical value that must appeal to the Companions of Iowa. Illustrations of Templar Park, Spirit Lake, where the Fifty-first Annual Convocation was held on July 21st, are also included.

George R. Turner, Grand High Priest, presided on this interesting occasion.

Blessed is he who is able to extract comfort out of anything:

"No petitions have been received for the formation of new Chapters during the Capitular year. This, in my judgment, is cause for rejoicing. We have too many weak Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and unless there is positive evidence accompanying every petition for a dispensation that the material is at hand that will 'conduce to the present and future welfare of the order, and that, too, without limiting the territorial jurisdiction of any Chapter already established so as to jeopardize its future growth and prosperity, no dispensation should be asked for, much less granted. I therefore congratulate the Royal Craft upon the wise conservatism manifested during my incumbency of office."

The substitute in Iowa is apparently an offence:

"In the returns of 1903 one Chapter shows eleven exaltations. The High Priest confessed at once that one of the members had acted as a 'dummy' to fill out the team. The old plea of ignorance of the law was offered in extenuation, and the old plan of administering a reprimand, coupled with a little don't-do-so-any-more talk, was the action taken. Was it enough? There come times when it is indeed difficult to decide between charitable forbearance and merited punishment."

Among the departed is found the name of immediate Past Grand High Priest Israel P. Wilson, who died at his home in Burlington, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 9, 1904.

"He was a Mason in everything the word implies. His work placed him in the front rank of our Royal Craft. As to Companion Wilson's position as a man and citizen, I can do no better than to quote from the public paper of his home town:

"Dr. Wilson's life in Burlington has been an open book, and the love and friendship with which he was regarded by every one speaks plainly of the nature of his life. He was an earnest Christian gentleman—the highest compliment that can be paid to man."

"The following lines, penned by Companion Wilson while prostrate on his bed of illness, with no hope of recovery, indicate the quiet courage and resignation characteristic of the man. I ask your indulgence while I read:

"The present time is all my own,
What more need I desire?
There's nothing in the past for me,
Let all its deeds retire.
Its joys and its sorrows gone,
They'll ne'er to me return,
Then why look back a single day,
Or give the past concern?

"There's naught in yesterday for me,
That time has whirled away;
What I did then, full well I know,
Cannot recur to-day.
Nor may the morrow have in store
What now it seems is sure,
The future oft brings blasted hopes,
I cannot feel secure.

"The present brings me face to face
With active work to do,
Brings time to cultivate the mind,
Brings time for study, too.
The present brings its joy and grief,
Brings courage for the hour,
Brings strength to do the work at hand,
Brings fortitude and power.

"Eternal present, thou art mine,
Mine ever to command;
The only time I have to work,
The only time at hand,
I find that now, and only now,
Can this day's work be done,
New duties with the morrow brings,
No time for work undone.

"April 10, 1903.

I. P. WILSON."

The ceremonies attending the observance of the semi-centennial anniversary were very interesting. The addresses by Past Grand High Priests were of a high order and evidently prepared with great care. Of course the Eastern Star was prominent and its "Grand Matron" was on hand to say something, and it must be said that Mrs. Fanny Sever said it well.

In Grand Chapter, subsequently, the question of recognition of New Zealand was favorably submitted and adopted.

Past Grand High Priest W. F. Cleveland is again the reviewer, and he gives to Canada, 1904, a page of his attention.

He notes the Grand Z.'s remarks on the Grand Representative system, where he urges them to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter regularly, and adds:

"Good! and we would add that if they cannot be present they can at least send their regrets in the form of a letter to the Grand Z. or Grand Secretary—an evidence at least that they appreciate the honor bestowed."

A. S. Lawrence, Muscatine, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Kansas

Chapters . . 81.

Members . . 6,010.

M. E. Bestor G. Brown, of Topeka, Kansas, General Grand Master of the Second Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and a shining light of this jurisdiction, climbing slowly to the dizzy altitude of "General Grand H.P." at three years per step, was received with honors by his Companions at the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation at Topeka, on the 15th February, 1904.

The deaths of Past Grand High Priest Wm. D. Thompson and Grand Treasurer Freeling were touchingly referred to by Grand High Priest Davis in the preliminary remarks of his address.

"One year ago I resolved to devote a good share of my time to visiting the Chapters throughout the State, but like many of my

predecessors, I am forced to confess that my resolution has been broken on account of more urgent and personal business affairs requiring almost my entire time."

Force of example again. The Deputy Grand High Priest reported on the visit to Little Rock, Ark., where General Grand Chapter met and where the Kansas delegation had a good old time in an old-fashioned way:

"With all its advantages, Little Rock is not a city of hotels, and the size of our delegation rendered it difficult to secure suitable accommodations in the usual way. In this emergency an unoccupied house was secured and fitted up for the accommodation of the whole party. For the success of this arrangement we are indebted to the energy and foresight of Comp. Bestor G. Brown and the assistance of the local committee. "Sunflower Cottage" was a feature of the meeting and an unqualified success from the first. It was a typical old Southern home, and its wide portico, broad hallway and spacious rooms, with the happy company there gathered completed an arrangement for comfort which impressed all beholders. It is probable that every delegate visited us there."

The diplomatic corps were received with Grand honors and M. E. Comp. T. J. Anderson, representing New York, responded:

"I take great pleasure in answering diplomatically for the members of this distinguished corps. I would not undertake to answer for them except in a diplomatic sense, because I would probably have too large a job on my hands.

"I believe that nearly all the Grand Representatives are here. I observe my distinguished friend and old time comrade, Comp. Miller, of Ellis, who represents Russia. The nearest representative of Japan we have in this jurisdiction is the Grand Representative of California, Comp. Torrington. Comp. Torrington lives in Wichita, and there is considerable resemblance between Japan and Wichita—they are both yellow."

A revised Constitution was adopted and recognition accorded to New Zealand.

The Chapter located at Manhattan worked the M.E.M. degree for the benefit of Grand Chapter and did it well. "In connection with the degree, an elaborate musical programme was presented by the Quartette Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Topeka." Where was the quartette concealed?

Companion William M. Shaver, the worthy Grand Secretary, furnishes a very interesting Correspondence report, which includes Canada for 1903.

To Companion Johnston, of Washington, who had remarked: "If ritualism is all there is of Masonry, or the great *desideratum*, a graphophone would probably be more perfect than almost any man. Has not the Companion known High Priests who were 'letter perfect' in the degrees who could scarcely state a motion intelligibly, and whose management of the Chapter's business affairs was wretched?" He rejoins:

"We have indeed met just such 'ritualistic parrots' as our companion describes, and willingly admit that they too are 'dismal failures,' worse probably than the 'splendid men of affairs' who are unwilling to put forth the mental effort to enable them 'intelligently to confer a degree,' but in our humble opinion, both classes are failures, and the latter are more reprehensible because they possess the ability to overcome the fault."

In the writer's humble opinion the knowledge of how "to rule and govern" is more necessary to the welfare of Lodge or Chapter than the accurate rendition of the ritual. A puddin'head in the chair is an object of pity, and intelligent, self-respecting brethren are disinclined to quit their homes to sit under such, even though he be "letter perfect" otherwise. Rather choose the "splendid man of affairs" whose years and business activities preclude him from memorizing the work. His training and experience are valuable aids to him as presiding officer, and he will be careful to avoid anything that might create a blush. For one who knows how to rule and govern, there are fifty to patter ritual and are ignorant of all else. Within our ken and of recent date, was the case of a Chapter "ruler" and two of his officers, all of them "perfect ritualists," who were "on the carpet" for gross irregularities. The enquiry brought confession from the trio, that they were not only unacquainted with the Constitution, but that the by-laws of their Chapter was an unfamiliar pamphlet. They expressed sorrow for their ignorance and were permitted to continue to "*rule and govern.*"

"We must not make a scarecrow of the law,
Setting it up to fear the birds of prey,
And let it keep one shape, till custom make it
Their perch, and not their terror."

Perry M. Hoisington, Newton, Grand High Priest.

William M. Shaver, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

Chapters . . 85.

Members . . 4,695.

The Grand Chapter held its Annual Convention in the Chapter Room of "The Masonic" (recently erected by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky), in Louisville, October 20, 1903.

M. E. Comp. B. G. Witt, Gen. Gr. Capt. of the Host, who is also Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, was received in the manner befitting his official position."

The death of Past Grand High Priest James W. Staton was a severe blow to Grand Chapter. "As Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence he had acquired an extensive knowledge of the affairs of other jurisdictions which was probably not equalled by that of any other man in the State, and by few in any State or country. His judgment was sound and trustworthy, and as an adviser of the Grand Lodge in matters pertaining to his specialty he was extremely useful."

Grand High Priest Landrum did not apparently have much to do during his year, but then he held, simultaneously, the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report indicated that border reciprocity did not appear to be generally favored. Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia were in line on the question, but Indiana and Ohio would have none of it.

One Chapter, for some time defunct, was restored, and two new Chapters instituted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, in agreeing to a decision of the Grand High Priest, added:

"Your committee would further report that the objection of a member of a Chapter to the initiation or advancement of a candidate must be respected whenever made known to the High Priest or to the Chapter. No degree should ever be conferred upon any one to whom any member of the Chapter shall object.

"If the objection be made to the High Priest personally, or in open Chapter, the fact of the objection shall be noted of record, but not the name of the objector."

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant took up the pen that fell from the stricken hand of the lamented Companion Staton and supplied the report on Correspondence, the compensation for which he generously handed over to the bereaved daughter. Companion Grant is no novice at the work, but he states that this is his final appearance in that capacity. He announces that Companion W. W. Clark "will prepare the next report, and though not yet two years a Royal Arch Mason, he is King of his Chapter, Past Grand Master and a forceful writer, whom I recommend to the corps."

He reviewed Canada for two years, and noting the committee's report on the restoration of the M.E.M. degree, and submits a poser:

"But I would like to know how the placing of a keystone in an arch can be a 'completion of the task' of building a Temple, entitling the workmen to rest, and a reward, putting off the badge (apron?) of labor? Did any one, at any time, ever see a building completed by the placing of a keystone in an arch? What is the arch for? Is it not to support something above it? If so, the keystone simply completes the arch—probably over an opening—that the walls of that part of the building may be supported. Is not pressure upon the arch, something built upon it after the keystone is placed, essential to give the arch supporting strength? If so, the completion of the arch, any arch, does not, by any means, complete the structure, hence that is not the time to rest or lay aside the apron and tools."

Under Indiana he thus tersely directs attention to a local innovation:

"The Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, then from 'rest' to labor. Does not the old, musty, musical murmuring of the Masonic word 'refreshment' suggest the antiquity and melody of the Craft? Conveying the idea of cheerful rest and renewed vigor? Let us hold to the old craft expressions."

Which reminds us that once upon a time somebody at somewhere "improved" the query "How stands the time?" for the more modern and unpoetic "What time is it?" on the ground that time does not stand. He or they overlooked for the nonce the solemn fact that "the sun is always at its meridian," etc.

His opinion of the P. M. degree is observed under New Hampshire:

☞ "Concerning the P.M. degree, he does not feel quite certain about its want of utility, or the difference between the Actual and Virtual.

"To me, the lesson is merely a repetition of the first one taught in Masonry, and with such surroundings as to completely destroy its good effects. If there is any difference between actual and virtual, it must be *de jure* and not *de facto*. However, the whole thing may be a diversion craved by the boys. It seems to be harmful in that when the colts get loose it is difficult to catch and restrain them. The effect of the P.M. permeates the more serious R.A."

1904.

According to the statistical table which is included in the volume for this year, the Chapters had increased by three and the gain in membership was 412.

The Eighty-seventh Convocation was opened at Louisville on the 18th of October, and Robert R. Burnam, M.E. Grand High Priest, expressed his gratitude for "a year of pleasant work." "A pleasure marred by the fact that I have not been able to visit as many of the local Chapters as I should like to have done."

He issued thirty-nine dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of time.

J. Soule Smith, a Past Grand High Priest, had passed away during the year, and before closing his address, the Grand High Priest paid a loving tribute to his memory.

Recognition of New "Zeland" was postponed.

Companion W. W. Clark's first review of the Grand Chapters is a good one. A printer's omission in Canada's proceedings gave him much anxiety. A glance at the title page would have saved him a vast amount of unnecessary worry. He managed to get along, however, and was kindly disposed to this Grand Jurisdiction.

Joseph H. Ewalt, Paris, Grand High Priest.

H. B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

Chapters . . 24.

Members . . 1,725.

Grand High Priest R. W. Allen's address to the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation at New Orleans, on the 2nd February, 1904, was after the fashion of a donkey's gallop, short and sweet:

"Capitular Masonry has prospered in this jurisdiction during the past year, not only in the number of good men and true who

have been added to its roll of membership; not only in that material strength which is but the outward semblance of a healthy growth, but in the moral condition of the Craft itself."

A Chapter had asked him for a dispensation to repass a ballot at a special meeting on a candidate who had been rejected at a previous regular convocation. The reason given was that the High Priest was confidentially and voluntarily informed that the rejection was the result of a misunderstanding. He refused the dispensation, giving as his reason that "the law is plain and mandatory, that when the application of a candidate is constitutionally rejected, there can be no repassing of the ballot at a subsequent convocation. The person must be subjected to the legal delays and formalities required before any further action can be taken in reference to him."

Rough on the poor applicant, but the law is clear on the matter.

Grand Secretary Lambert reported a net gain of 214 for the year. He attended the General Grand's Triennial as *locum tenens* for the Grand High Priest.

A resolution that the amount of \$2,000.00 of the funds be invested by the Finance Committee with the approval of the Grand High Priest was amended by another to donate \$1,500.00 to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. A Companion amended by making it \$1,000.00. On a rising vote the sum of \$1,500.00 was adopted.

The Representatives of sister Grand Chapters were introduced, welcomed, received with the "Private Grand Honors," and escorted to seats in the Grand East. This is as it should be.

Grand Chaplain Herman C. Duncan is the versatile and interesting Correspondent, one whom we delight to read even if he does throw bricks. He says we are of the fault-finding variety. Not a bit of it! We only desired to make our own position clear. He erroneously assumed that the M. E. M. was removed from Canada's system, and, holding to that assumption, had made some uncharitable comment which we naturally resented, but without any intent to be discourteous.

We objected, too, to his applying the word "heal" to legitimately made Masons, because, as we know the word,

it is used only in one connection. We were not aware that, as Companion Duncan now explains, it is open to two interpretations in Louisiana, both of them "according to law."

"Comp. Bennett presses a question he has before asked as to our reasons for renewal of relations with the Grand Mark Lodge of England. We were unable when he asked the question previously, and are not now able to perceive that the Companion has any interests in the matter."

As "Companion Bennett," he probably has not, but as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for his Grand Chapter he undoubtedly has. Companion Duncan states that "the Grand Chapter of Louisiana had placed before it what was believed to be accurate information as to the conditions according to which she had severed her relations with that body. Acting on that information, she withdrew her edict."

Now Canada happens to be in the same position held by Louisiana prior to its becoming possessed of that "accurate information," and it was quite reasonable to assume that in withdrawing its support from Quebec, in the latter's contention for sovereignty in its own territory, the Grand Chapter of Louisiana should furnish reasons for its action if only for guidance to sister Grand Chapters similarly situated.

Moreover, Quebec, which is more deeply concerned than any other, would have been interested in that "accurate information" which apparently she did not possess, and does not possess now, and which was carefully withheld by Companion Duncan. On the contrary, our remarks directed to Louisiana were reproduced by Quebec with approving comment. The following is an extract from the above, published with our report of 1901:—

"When some years ago, the Grand Mark Lodge planted Mark Lodges in the occupied territory of Quebec, the Grand Chapter of Quebec vainly protested, and its severance of fraternal relations was followed by those of the majority of Grand Chapters on this continent, including, we believe, the General Grand Chapter. The condition of affairs has not undergone any change. Quebec's protest is now, as it was then, ignored by the Grand

Mark Lodge of England. Why then should the moral support accorded Quebec at the outset by the Grand Chapters of the United States be weakened now by the recent action of Louisiana, presuming of course that we have interpreted that action aright?"

Surely there was nothing unreasonable in asking that question. Yet Companion Duncan weakly defends his position in the following words, which go to further demonstrate the instability of his position, and to say the least, the rather peculiar nature of his make-up. And that is the strongest we will permit ourselves to say of it:

"No one has faulted our action, however, who has any claim of standing in the issue, and until such party makes such claim we see no necessity for presenting a brief. We cannot, ourselves, be given standing in court, as a defendant, until a proper complainant files his bill."

Concluding his report, Companion Duncan says:

"So far as a Chairman of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence is to be a critic and a satirist, he is like to the great character of the great poet—his occupation is well-nigh gone.

"And the poor chairman who is neither golden mouthed nor silver tongued must, perforce, submit a very commonplace report."

Graham Surghnor, Monroe, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine

Chapters . . 59.

Members . . 7,705.

Howard D. Smith, M. E. Grand High Priest, presided over the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation at Portland, on 3rd May, 1904, and announced a prosperous year:

"The growth of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is the largest for many years, exceeding the splendid showing of last year."

He ascribes much of this to the splendid system of visitation which, like our own, covers the jurisdiction. "Every Chapter should be visited at least once each year; it keeps the large Chapters up to their work and encourages the weaker ones."

He started two new Chapters, and his only decision was against a collective ballot for a number of candidates.

Joseph Alvah Locke, who was Grand High Priest in 1881, died on the previous 21st of April, and he pays a

just tribute to the active Masonic life of a good man gone.

The Grand High Priest was one of the Maine delegation to the Triennial at Little Rock, and incidentally ventures his belief in the great benefit to the Craft conferred by the existence of the General Grand.

He deservedly praises the Grand Secretary for the neatness and expedition displayed in the issue of the printed proceedings of Grand Chapter. Referring to the entertainment he received on his visitations he says:

"I have sometimes felt the banquets were of more elaborate character than the Chapters could afford, and that a portion of the expense might better have been saved for charity or the building of a new hall. Some of the Companions evidently live to eat instead of eating to live."

Another officer reporting of the enthusiasm in certain Chapters said:

"One of the Companions present walked four miles, crossed the river in a boat and then walked two miles farther in order to reach his home after the work."

Pshaw, that's nothing! If he had crossed the river without a boat, it might be worth mentioning. In this country of magnificent distances, a twenty-mile tramp to Lodge or Chapter is of no infrequent occurrence, and that too through snow drifts.

Companion Herbert Harris is again to the fore with an excellent report on Correspondence, and he precedes it with his portrait, for which many thanks. If good looks establishes a claim to excellence, he carries his credentials on a very pleasing countenance. As before, he is generous and complimentary to Canada, having ours of 1904 under review.

"The book of proceedings came across the border March eighth, and we find that Maine was represented by a Companion bearing a good Maine name, Benjamin Allen."

And a Main(e) good fellow is that same M. W. Grand Master.

To our remarks on the selection of a Mark he says:

"Although in Maine we have no regulation limiting the design, yet it seems as if one's good sense and desire for appropriateness ought to bar out anything very elaborate; we recall, in the Chapter where we were exalted, a good old physician who selected 'the Good Samaritan' for his Mark; and the result was a whole landscape

with the Samaritan and his patient under the wide spreading branches of a big tree in the foreground. If we remember rightly, he was 'putting the bottle to him,' too, and we fear that Mark would not be admitted in some Grand Chapters."

The Wisconsin man having referred to a colleague's views on prohibition in these words:—"We expect in due process of time to convert him from those when we convince him that prohibition was never a success anywhere, and that, logically, in the nature of things, it can never be a success." Companion Harris adds:

"If he will heed a word from Maine, we will whisper to him that prohibitionists are never convinced and consequently are never converted; they *talk* their fad so constantly that it becomes a habit; for example, on one occasion, in a Masonic body in Portland, Me., the officer in charge of a candidate directed him to start on his 'prohibitionary journey, alone'; though the fact that he sent him off 'alone' may suggest to Comp. Swain that there is sometimes a slight discrepancy between our prohibitionists' talk and their practice."

Coming from Maine, the reading is, to say the least, instructive as well as interesting.

"Glistered the dire Snake, and into fraud
Led Eve, our credulous mother, to the Tree
Of Prohibition, root of all our woe."

That statistical table was yours Companion, and you should have had full credit for it. We can only plead guilty to an unpardonable oversight. Never happen again.

William N. Howe, Portland, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland

Chapters . . . 21.

Members . . . 2,381.

This veteran of one hundred and seven years upholds the banner of Royal Arch Masonry with all the vigour of youth, and at the Annual Convocation held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Baltimore, on Tuesday, November 19th, Grand High Priest Foble was able to report "a very prosperous year. With one exception only, the Chapters have progressed in every particular. There have been no dissensions among the Companions the past

year. Peace and harmony prevail and prosperity attends them, and they are stimulated to renewed activity."

Since last Annual Convocation death has removed the venerable and much respected Companion, Charles H. Ohr, Past Grand High Priest, and Past General Grand King.

The Grand Lecturer during the year visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction.

"I have done my very best to awaken interest in —— Chapter No. ——, but without success; they drag along listlessly, with little or no interest among the officers and no ambition on the part of the members to learn the work. Had we one active, energetic Companion in ——, I am sure the Chapter would be successful; some years since it was the peer of any Chapter in the jurisdiction, but has been gradually declining for the last four years; the Companions promise well, but fail signally to perform."

A pretty fair picture of not a few places elsewhere. Waiting for the man of zeal and energy to turn up, and some day he will arise and there will be a rattling of the dry bones.

An application for a dispensation to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees at the same Convocation, was acceded to by the Grand High Priest. The committee, however, inflicted mild censure.

"One Dispensation, however,—to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees at the same communication, we cannot commend, notwithstanding the proviso that due notice be given. Practically this is making a Royal Arch Mason at sight, a prerogative that resides only in the Grand High Priest and cannot be delegated to others.

"We would not disturb the status of the Companion exalted in this instance, but would recommend that by the adoption of this report the Grand Chapter express its disapprobation of the practice in future."

The following resolution was submitted and, we are happy to observe, carried unanimously. M. E. Companion Schultz, for twenty-seven years has been Maryland's valued Correspondent, and his reports have been studied with incalculable benefit, not only by the Companions of his own jurisdiction, but by his colleagues of the quill. Even now when afflicted with almost total blindness, he continues the good work with equally good effect. Long may he live to enjoy his honors!

"More than a generation ago our well-beloved Companion, Edward T. Schultz, attained the rank of Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

"Subsequently, when the Companions sought to have him preside over the Royal Craft and elected him Grand High Priest, he was impelled by reason of impaired health and the pressure of Masonic literary labors to decline the honor.

"In view of his long and valued services to the Craft, and especially in behalf of Royal Arch Masonry, it is fitting that now, in the fiftieth year of his Masonic life, this Grand Chapter should make some conspicuous acknowledgment of his eminent worth and service.

"Therefore, Be it resolved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, that Companion Edward T. Schultz be and he is hereby unanimously elected Honorary Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter."

His latest review of Canada, in the proceedings before us, is that for 1902, and he notices the omission of Maryland.

"Last year we were reviewed for 1900. What is the matter, Comp. Bennett? Do you only receive our proceedings occasionally, and does it take two years for them to reach you? Surely they are sent to you simultaneously with other jurisdictions. Does your custom house hold on to them as contraband?"

It is possible that some enthusiastic official recognized a good thing when he saw it, and having stored his mind with valuable material, forgot to send it on to its destination. At any rate, wherever the fault, Maryland for 1901 did not reach this office and we can assure Companion Schultz that its non-arrival was a source of genuine regret.

Under Georgia he has occasion to notice the law of that jurisdiction, which expels members for non-payment of dues and says with truth:

"At one time, in England, persons were hanged for larceny; instances are on record where youths of tender age were thus punished for stealing sixpence, or a silver spoon. We regard a law that would expel a brother from the rights and privileges of Free Masonry for non-payment of dues akin to the old laws to which we referred."

He has frequently condemned the union label legislation, or "enforced membership doctrine," and to the man of Kansas, which jurisdiction he says "annunciates it in its most obnoxious form, he puts the thing in a nutshell:

"Companion Shaver falls into the same error as do others who approve and advocate the enforced membership doctrine that non-affiliates, 'claim full rights of visitation and relief as non-affiliates in good standing.' We have said over and over again that non-affiliates, voluntary or involuntary, lose *all* Lodge or Chapter rights and privileges, but their Masonic and Capitular rights cannot be taken from them except for the commission of Masonic offence, and then only after due trial and conviction."

The volume closes with a four-page explanation of "why we are late in reaching you," by Grand Secretary Miller. It is the story of the great fire of February 7th which consumed all the big printing houses in the burnt district. We in Canada had hardly ceased to sympathize with our Maryland brethren when, in the following April, Toronto was visited by a similar disaster.

Joseph H. Jackson, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts

Chapters . . 76.

Members . . 17,530.

At the first quarterly in March, 1903, the committee appointed to take into consideration the address of the Grand High Priest delivered at the preceding "Annual" reported at length. The members favored the recommendation that two Convocations be held within the year instead of four:

"We do not see that the business of the Grand Chapter would suffer in any way, as the Grand High Priest can be authorized to call a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter in case of necessity. The only reasons that can be urged against the change is the dropping of an old-time custom and an abridgment of opportunity for the members of this body to cultivate fraternal relations. This would be more than compensated by the larger attendance under the new plan. We therefore recommend that this subject be referred to a committee, to report at a subsequent Convocation."

The Special Committee at the next Convocation reported adversely to the change, and Grand Chapter upheld the report.

At the Annual Convocation in December, at Boston, the One Hundred and Fifth, there was a large attendance. The degrees were exemplified in the morning and the ordinary business of Grand Chapter undertaken at the evening session.

Grand High Priest Hubbard congratulated the Companions on the complete absence of friction and the healthy growth of the Capitular Craft. In one respect he counselled a halt.

"There is no place in Masonry for 'hustle,' whether it be 'hustle the work' or 'hustle for candidates.' This hurry and rush is subversive of the very process of assimilation, which is necessary to a proper conception of the lessons of the degrees. It is bad husbandry to choke the growth of seeds by over-planting. It is a sheer waste of material to deliver faster than it can be taken up. A quart measure gets little water from an inch stream under eighty pounds pressure. Yet this is just what we are doing in working three or four degrees in one night, flooding the candidate with the water of life, with never a chance for him to carry away more than a few drops."

He strikes another ringing keynote in the prevailing eagerness for material in order to meet current expenses, incidentally inferring that the excellence of Chapter ritual is not compensated by the deplorable lack of business methods:

"When a Masonic body is dependent in any large measure upon the fees from candidates to pay current expenses, when members are told, and that not infrequently, 'we must have candidates or we cannot pay our bills,' it is evident that the conditions are not all that might be desired.

"Inasmuch as character and character alone determines admission into Masonry, and not the ability to pay a certain sum of money into its treasury, Masonic bodies are under obligation to so finance their affairs that they will never be under the temptation to solicit applicants for degrees, or to let down, ever so little, from a vigorous scrutiny of the quality and fitness of those who apply."

The address was as practical as it was eloquent. It "received the closest attention of the Companions, and their endorsement of the suggestions it contained was evident from the applause it received."

Among the deaths reported was that of Charles W. Romney, Grand King, who "passed from this earthly to the heavenly life March 3, 1903."

The business of the Convocation having been transacted, the Grand High Priest announced that a reception would be tendered to Companion Arthur G. Pollard, the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U. S. A., by the members of the Grand Chapter.

Excellent and Rev. R. Perry Bush, Grand Chaplain, read a poem written for the occasion, which was expressive of the love of Massachusetts for her distinguished son. The whole affair was worthy of the occasion.

Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite is again the Correspondent, and reviewed Canada kindly for 1903 to the extent of three pages.

Samuel F. Hubbard, Boston, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan

Chapters . . 139.

Members . . 15,899.

The City of Lansing was honored with the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation, on the 19th January, 1904.

Grand High Priest Horace S. Maynard announced that Companion George M. Kingsbury, Grand Principal Sojourner, had been obliged to go to Arizona for his health and was unable to fill his station at this Convocation.

He made no extra charge for this glittering ad. for the Wolverine State.:

"This mighty commonwealth of Michigan is one of the fairest spots upon the footstool of Almighty God. It is a gem of rarest beauty and wealth, set in and begirt by those wonderful seas of the waters of life which bathe and caress its emerald shores with crystal ripples of limpid liquid that scintillate, shimmer and glimmer with transcendent beauty and loveliness in the radiant rays of the sun by day and the wonderful beams of the moon by night."

He paid a beautiful tribute to the life work of the lamented Grand Secretary, Jefferson S. Conover, as also to the former Grand Lecturer, Arthur M. Clark, who died of pneumonia in October.

From being an active opponent to the "Foreign Correspondence Report," he confessed himself a convert.

He granted a dispensation to the Companions at Athens who desired to form a Chapter, and journeyed to the classic spot to see things for himself. He found that "the Masons of that little village of only about 450 inhabitants had built themselves a fine Masonic temple

of stone and that they had one of the finest lodge rooms of the State, an enthusiastic lodge and a strong Chapter of the O. E. S."

The latter qualification must have appealed to him with some force, for he urged the endorsation of Grand Chapter with much enthusiasm.

He was much exercised over the carelessness of some Companions entrusted with rituals, and his remarks thereon revealed an alarming condition of affairs in this "gem of rarest beauty." A little while before he had said: "When you find a Royal Arch Mason it is the rule, with very few exceptions, that there you find a royal man of integrity and intelligence, a rock of stability." Alas!

"Some rituals are now reported lost and may be in the hands of our enemies. Some Companions are careless with them before the eyes of the profane. It is reprehensible to cease to guard these repositories of our secret work at all times; but charges should be promptly preferred against any Companion who knowingly exposes or exhibits to the profane the secret ritual of our Order, and any one who thoughtlessly exposes a ritual should be severely reprimanded by his Companions."

A case in point: He received a communication from a Bay City Chapter to the effect that a ritual had been put into the hands of the P. S. "for him to learn his work therefrom and that the P. S. had put the ritual into the hands of his stenographer, a woman and a Catholic, and had had her make a copy of the entire work." Charges were preferred, trial had, accused found guilty, sentence of expulsion imposed, and from that judgment the accused appealed to Grand Chapter. The appeal, however, proved decidedly weak and the sentence was confirmed.

Five pages are devoted to "decisions." Among others the apron should be worn outside, not under, the coat. There is no law prohibiting a Chapter from occupying rooms in the second story of any building. If the rooms are otherwise suitable, "the number of stories cuts no figure."

In concluding his lengthy and interesting address the Grand High Priest modestly tenders an apology for not giving to the subordinate Chapters more personal

attention. The following extract from the Grand Lecturer's report stands out as a disclaimer.

"I have visited sixty-nine Chapters during the year, examined their records and given instruction to the best of my ability. At thirty-five of these schools, I have been accompanied and very ably assisted by Grand High Priest Maynard."

The Committee on Jurisprudence was instructed to revise "the penal code" and constitution so as to make it possible for subordinate Chapters to discipline its members for non-payment of dues without the tedious delay of a Masonic trial.

The Correspondence report is again the well turned out work of Grand Secretary Conover. His review of Canada for 1903 embraces four pages, and clearly shows that it was the opposite of superficial.

"In some correspondence with Companion Bennett, I asked for a fuller explanation of the nomenclature of their principal officers than I was able to secure from a reading of their proceedings, and his reply is so good that I give it in full for the benefit of the readers, the writer having heard this same question asked by a number of older Masons."

He thereupon reproduces our "explanation" and it is hoped that the "older Masons" referred to may have perused it. There have been members of the Correspondence circle who, unlike Companion Conover, did not pause to enquire, but chose rather to make meaningless fun out of the "initial" offices, forgetting that their "funny" enterprise was, to those who know, only a revelation of lamentable ignorance.

"Better to be unborn than untaught; for
Ignorance is the root of misfortune."

Michael B. McGee, Crystal Falls, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota

Chapters . . 63.

Members . . 6,091.

In the city of St. Paul, and on the 11th October, 1904, the Forty-third Annual Convocation was opened in ample form by M. E. Comp. John Fishel, Grand High Priest. All the Grand Officers were present and Canada's representative was included in the diplomatic corps.

The Grand High Priest reported peace and prosperity. He constituted one Chapter and declined a dispensation for another which had not the endorsation of the nearest Chapter.

His visits were frequent and would have been more so but for illness in the family.

The utilization of the Grand Officers as district visitors proved helpful, and their reports furnished a complete record of all the Chapters and their condition.

Application for membership was made to a Chapter, the application being accompanied by a dimit regular on its face and attested by the officers of a sister Chapter within the jurisdiction of Minnesota; the application took the regular course, and the applicant was elected to membership. The applicant presented himself at the door of the Chapter; no one was present who could vouch for him; an examining committee was appointed, and the applicant failed to satisfy the committee, though no question was made that he was the person named in the dimit, and who had been elected to membership. He was denied admission.

The Grand High Priest ruled that the dimit was only corroborative evidence and that in the absence of a personal vouching and the failure of an examination, the action of the Chapter was proper.

In his visitations he noticed that 30 per cent. of the Chapters have their charters framed and hung on the wall of the Chapter room, and he suggested that they be instructed to have the charter placed in a tin tube and kept in a safe and secure place.

The Grand Secretary reported that out of 69 Chapters chartered in Minnesota, six are defunct, and two or three others are likely to become so soon, but that all of the 63 surviving Chapters have made returns for the past year.

Because the General Grand Chapter of the United States did at its last Convocation recommend the recognition of New Zealand, Minnesota followed suit.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests' jewels were, by order of the Grand Chapter, procured and presented

during the past year to Past Grand High Priests. Six of the twelve received the jewels at their respective homes; the other six had theirs presented at the semi-centennial celebration of Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, of St. Paul.

The bunching was a saving of \$5 per jewel, for, like Mrs. Allen's anti-fat, there was a reduction on taking a quantity. It was voted that hereafter a similar jewel be procured in advance of the Annual Convocation, for presentation to the Grand High Priest on retiring from office.

Nearly three pages did M. E. Comp. Montgomery devote to Canada for 1904, in his breezy report on Correspondence, and we beg to acknowledge his kind words.

George Forsyth, Brainerd, Grand High Priest.

Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi

Chapters .. 69.

Members .. 2,660.

"As a commonwealth, the great State of Mississippi has been blest with a golden harvest—her barns and store-houses are full to overflowing. As a fraternity, we have much to be thankful for."

Such was Grand High Priest McKay's text at the opening of the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation at Mississippi, on the 17th February, 1904.

Among those who had been called to their rest during the year was Grand Lecturer John Lloyd Spinks, who had fought long and courageously against an insidious disease for which there was no remedy. "He had been at Vicksburg with the Companions of Vicksburg Chapter in the early part of the week and with those of Edwards Chapter, where he had taught his last lesson in the Royal Art, only the night before the summons came to him, and reached his home at Meridian but four hours before he expired in the arms of those he loved best."

One new Chapter was instituted, one constituted and two charters forfeited.

The business before Grand Chapter was of routine character and evolved nothing sensational.

Companion P. M. Savery, the old and tried Correspondent, reviewed the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters. A "casket"

"filled to the brim with Capitular jewels, ablaze with Masonic light, studded with gems of poesy and prose, wreathed around with garlands of fraternal love. Therein we beheld the opinions of Masonic sages that will be preserved to the Fraternity long after those who gave utterance or inscribed them upon the records will have passed through the door of Death to Eternal life."

He had Canada for 1903 under his observation and reproduces in extenso the report of the committee on the restoration of the M. E. M. degree.

Under Victoria he informs his Companions of the condition of that jurisdiction's exchequer in the following "weighty" announcement:

"June 30, 1903, Treasury balance, 122 lbs., 4. 9."

John Foggo Dixon, Natchez, Grand High Priest.

Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

Chapters . . 99.

Members . . 8,940.

A picture of the Temple of Fraternity at the World's Fair, St. Louis, and a reproduction of the metal badge designed by Companion Mayo for the Missourian craftsmen and their friends, as an open sesame to the great show, a keystone hanging from a *fleur-de-lis*, are inserted, with the portrait of Grand High Priest Bainbridge, as appropriate illustrations for the proceedings of "Exhibition" year.

It was in the "Temple of Fraternity" which we presume was "properly dedicated," that the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened on the 28th April, 1904.

"The magnificent Exposition that surrounds us to-day, while celebrating one of the most important epochs in our country's history, can but remind us, as well, of the wonderful advancement made by our fraternity in this territory since its acquisition. While the sentinel from the watch tower of our own dear land proclaims that 'all is well,' yet we read with regret the tidings of war in the far East, and we can but pray that no other nations may become

involved. We might note in passing that of the two countries engaged in strife, in one Masonry flourishes and the other has not a Masonic lodge."

So did the Grand High Priest address himself to the Companions on that spring day.

He was an assiduous visitor and his observations led him to the conclusion that an instructor was necessary in many places, and recommended the appointment of a competent Grand Lecturer.

Before constituting a new Chapter he luckily discovered that one of the names on the roster was that of a brother who had been expelled from a blue lodge elsewhere. The ambitious one was promptly "fired."

Companion Mayo's Correspondence report is, as always, interesting. It is more so this year as he appends a nine page "conclusion" which is excellent reading, especially that portion dealing with official titles, which harmonizes with our views exactly.

"It is the indiscriminate use of so many high-sounding, meaningless titles in our official proceedings and secret society publications, as well as in public gatherings and on the highways and byways, that disgusts the educated, intelligent, thinking and reading man, and causes this class of men on the outside to wonder at our ignorance."

His review of Canada for 1903 was fairly comprehensive. He has opinions and is not afraid to give them voice. Under Rhode Island he says, and rightly:

"We think that that old dogma of perpetual jurisdiction should be wiped off of the statute books of every Masonic body in the land, and the sooner the better."

Lewis F. McCoy, Independence, Grand High Priest.

Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana

Chapters . . 16.

Members . . 1,031.

In the hall of Helena Chapter, City of Helena, the Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held on September 15th, 1903.

Grand High Priest Emil H. Renisch, whose portrait adorns the volume and who, according to his biography,

hails from Berlin, but is now "married and serving his adopted country like a native," presided over the deliberations of Grand Chapter with all the dignity and grace which are always to be expected from a prominent citizen of "the great mining city of Butte."

His story of "visitation" is interesting, and features not observable elsewhere make the reading spicy.

"The following night, Tuesday, the Chapter gave a fine spread in their banquet hall, the occasion being graced by the presence of the gentler sex."

"June 2nd, accompanied by my better half, and that most accommodating Companion, S. P. Wright, we started for Great Falls."

"At three o'clock the next morning I boarded the train for Benton, where I took the stage at seven o'clock a.m., to undertake with no particularly pleasant anticipations, the one hundred mile trip overland to Lewistown."

"After closing, we repaired to a near-by restaurant, where an elegant banquet awaited us."

"The Chapter is doing as well as could be expected, situated as it is, in or near a mining camp, subjected to many ups and downs."

More truth than poetry in that last. He did his whole duty, however, by the Chapters, and that they will benefit by his sacrifices in their behalf, there can be no doubt.

The business before Grand Chapter was purely of local interest. There were no grievances.

Grand Secretary Hedges, whom we are pleased to observe is regaining health, contributes the report on Correspondence and, as of yore, is independent of scissors. Under Alabama he says:

"We are glad to inform him that we are better of rheumatism, but are no less an 'expansionist' than ever. We are willing to wait for Canada and Mexico till they ask to come, but it is only a question of time, as it is with Cuba and the other West India Islands."

For that willingness to "wait," Canada should be truly grateful, but we are "willing" to venture the humble opinion that when the stars and stripes fly in the Canadian breezes, except by courtesy, our good Companion's rheumatism will have ceased to bother him for ever.

"And we know with hearts grown stronger,
Tho' our waiting seemeth longer,
Yet with Love's divine assurance, we should
Covet nothing more."

He kindly reviewed Canada for 1903, and got mixed up over a printer's error. We are still doing business at the old stand, Companion.

Under Illinois, on the Grand Representative system, which Montana does not recognize, he says, with not a little truth:

"But we must recognize the fact that though our people would scorn to be aught but democratic in their tastes, yet there is an itching and hankering for titles, badges, and decorations quite inconsistent with their professions, which does no particular harm and in print makes some more work for printers."

Referring to an early history of New Jersey Chapters prior to the formation of a Grand Chapter in that State, he says, "Chapter degrees were for a long time conferred under lodge warrants, as is still done in England." In the latter statement we incline to the opinion that Companion Hedges departs from his usual accuracy. Chapters in England derive their authority from charters issued by the Grand Chapter of England, though they invariably take the name and number of the lodge to which they are attached.

A. D. Macdonald, Kalispell, Grand High Priest.
Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

Chapters . . 54.

Members . . 3,321.

A letter and a telegram were read from M. E. Companion George J. Spohn, Grand High Priest, explaining that, on account of illness in his family, he was unable to be present at the Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held in Omaha, on 16th December, 1903. The Deputy Grand High Priest, Benjamin F. Thomas, read the address for the Grand High Priest.

It is noted from it that the Masonic Home germ has taken root in Nebraska:

"The hopes of that old guard of zealous Companions who had so long maintained the integrity of the Home association have at last been realized, and the Nebraska Masonic Home is a fact—a modest Home, perhaps, but nevertheless one with great possibilities for doing good."

He granted a dispensation to twelve Companions for a new Chapter at Huntington.

Grand Lecturer Mercer desired to be relieved of his office, owing to advanced years and infirmity. He had been a laborer in the quarries for nearly half a century.

An application for a new Chapter at Oakland was opposed by the nearest Chapter at West Point. The Committee on Charters overruled the objection and their report was sustained by Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Phelps submitted his twelfth report on Correspondence. His review of Canada is for 1903. Referring to an appeal from a decision of the Grand Z., he remarks:

"We had supposed that such an appeal was not allowable. Certainly it does not exist with us in Nebraska."

On the presumption, probably, that "the King can do no wrong."

"And if he wrong our brother,—Heav'n forgive
The man by whom so many brethren live."

He says under Oregon, alluding to Companion Hodson's remarks anent growing uniformity:

"Our observation leads to the opinion that Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons are the leading conservators of the best interests of symbolical Masonry in existence. He (Hodson) is grounded in his faith in the principle of dependent membership, and he doesn't like the using of stereopticon views, with all of which we most heartily agree."

And yet that "greatest of Masonic jurists," the lamented Drummond, was opposed to the "principle" of dependent membership.

Benjamin F. Thomas, Omaha, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 326.

Grand High Priest Joseph A. Miller did not weary his Companions with a lengthy address at the Thirty-first Annual Convocation, held at Virginia City on June 13, 1904. It took but a few brief minutes:

"I have been called upon for no decisions, or interpretations of our code. But for an occasional reminder by the Grand Secretary,

in the form of notification that certain vacancies existed in our representation with other jurisdictions, I would scarcely have known that I was occupying the high and responsible position of your Grand High Priest."

"I have been unable to visit the subordinate Chapters, but from a correspondence with them I am able to report that the utmost harmony prevails between them and the individual members thereof."

His one recommendation was for an appropriation of \$15 toward the purchase of a suitable carpet for the Grand Secretary's office, to be used only in case the Grand Lodge appropriates a sufficient sum to complete the purchase.

And as might be expected, Grand Chapter's labors were equally brief.

A very pleasant and entertaining report on Correspondence is furnished by Companion Vanderlieth, in which appears Canada for 1904. Noting our remarks on a feminine invitation directed to the Companions by the secretary of an O.E.S. organization, he says:

"You are very politic, Companion, to add those two lines of poetry and to be so brotherly as to call the secretary of Argenta Chapter, O. E. S., 'Laura.' Don't be surprised if you get a letter commencing 'Dear George' and signed 'yours sisternally.' All the same the Stars in Canada don't shine in it at all with the Nevada ladies when it comes to banquets and entertainments. You are invited to come and be convinced."

No, thanks, we are quite satisfied in Canada to read about and discuss the twinklers at a safe distance.

Under Illinois he administers a rebuke to those who would use Masonry as an instrument to advance their own peculiar ideas:

"This new movement is warmly upheld by a considerable number of the Guild. They expand that most ancient and sound Masonic virtue, Temperance, until it means nothing less than prohibition. But if we seek to expand and broaden one of their pet ancient landmarks, Hail Columbia! how we do catch it! We have expressed ourselves many times and oft, and fully and very freely on this subject, and we have as yet met with no reasoning to disabuse us of the opinion that it is a matter that is absolutely safe in the hands of the subordinate Lodges."

We confess surprise at his advocacy of Masonry, without money and without price, to clergymen, as a class. His arguments from the standpoint of reason are wholly

untenable, and he completely loses sight of the great Masonic principle involved. We commend his sympathy for the poor self-sacrificing minister, but fear his affection for him has outrun his judgment.

A church dignitary visiting at a friend's house near New York, recently, encountered the little son of his hostess in the garden on Sunday morning:

"Well, my little man," said he, "I suppose you are going to church?"

"No, I aint."

"Dear me; and why so?"

"Because I aint."

"But, dear child, I am going to church."

"'Cause youse got to. It's your job."

"No, Companion, if ever Masonry owed love, it is to God's chosen ministers unselfishly giving their lives in the world's fields of relief. To do this we must give of self. For Masonry to do this, she must give of self. The clergy are entitled to Masonry without fee, say we."

It is safe to declare that Companion Vanderlieth will, on that point at least, find himself in a hopeless minority.

Herman Levy, Virginia City, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

Chapters . . 9.

Members . . 488.

"It is now forty-five years since I trod the outer courts of the Temple, and thirty-two years since I was admitted within the veil, and in all that time I have attended regularly, with little intermission, the meetings of both Lodge and Chapter."

A record like that deserves recognition. Little wonder then that Alexander Burchill was selected by his Companions to positions of importance, or that the Sixteenth Annual Convocation at St. John, on the 26th August, 1903, saw him again presiding as Grand High Priest. Loyal to his king and the Craft, he must needs connect both:

"His Majesty's tact and diplomatic ability have, without doubt, made for the continuance of peace and contentment of the nations

of the world, and his late visit to Ireland, I sincerely believe, will be productive of the happiest results in the conservation of that genuine inter-racial sympathy which will eliminate trouble and discord from the problems to be dealt with in the permanent and complete solidification of the Empire.

"I speak in this connection, as I feel sure my illustrious Companions will understand, not merely as a Britisher, but as a Royal Arch Mason—for I most sincerely believe that the more absolutely and solidly the British Empire is established the more certain are the nations of the world to enjoy peace, prosperity, and the genuine fruits of individual effort."

Feelingly he referred to the sudden and most unexpected death of Most Excellent Companion John Alexander Watson, Past Grand High Priest, which occurred in the City of St. John, on Sunday evening, the 22nd of February, 1903.

M. E. Companion Watson was born in that city in 1854, and was well and favorably known to the mercantile community, being at the time of his decease manager of the Maritime Steam Lithographing Company.

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain of fifteen.

The question of ritual engaged the attention of a committee during the year, and the Grand Secretary procured a copy of the U. S. General Grand Chapter's work. One of the subordinate Chapters in the meantime was laboring with the same problem, and had secured something good also, which the Grand Secretary thought would, with little alteration, fill the bill.

Frank A. Godsoe, St. John, Grand High Priest.

W. B. Wallace, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire

Chapters . . 25.

Members . . 3,780.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 17, 1904, and John Adams Lang, Grand High Priest, was presiding officer. He reported a year of satisfactory growth for very many of the Royal Arch Chapters throughout the State.

He carried out diligently his programme of visitations, recorded his notes of the visit to the pow wow at Little Rock, and retired with the customary jewel.

The business of Grand Chapter was of a routine character, nothing transpiring to interest an outsider. Companion Albert S. Wait, for the committee, reviewed fifty sister Grand Chapters and presented the report. Canada for 1904 is kindly mentioned and carefully perused.

Companion Wait, like ourselves, is not in line with the dependent membership idea. The following remarks are addressed to him of Colorado.

"We assent readily to the first of the above propositions, that 'all Masons should help sustain the institution'; but the assumption that that can only be done 'by belonging to a Lodge,' is to our thinking not quite so clearly well founded. It loses sight of the patent fact that every petitioner for the degrees in Masonry deposits with his application a stated fee, the amount being fixed by the laws of each jurisdiction, and ranges from \$25 upward. According to our observation, the medium is about \$50. This goes into the Lodge treasury, and forms a part of its funds. This is paid for the privileges to be enjoyed as a member at large of the fraternity. The income from this fee, put at interest at the legal rate, will generally about equal the annual dues of the Lodge. This every brother has paid towards the support of the institution. If he wishes to enjoy the benefits of membership in a Lodge, he is then properly required to pay annually such sum as is to be regarded as a fair equivalent; but it is not justly to be said that a non-affiliate pays nothing for the support of the institution."

And again on the same subject to the Nevada reviewer:

"This is a law unknown to ancient Masonry, and we do not see how it is to be defended on any principle known to the institution or to natural justice. This seems otherwise, however, to our Nevada brethren, and if they can afford to live under such a law, brethren elsewhere need not complain."

"I have been a truant in the law;
And never yet could frame my will to it;
And therefore frame the law unto my will."

Joshua W. Hunt, Nashua, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey

Chapters . . 38.

Members . . 4,225.

Since last annual Convocation, New Jersey lost by death its worthy Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion

Chas. Belcher, who passed away at Newark at the age of sixty years. His successor, M. E. Companion Leonard Grear, compiled the printed proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Trenton on the 11th May, 1904.

Grand High Priest Joseph Mason proved to be an excellent head to the Royal Craft during the year. He was kept busy with "waivers of jurisdiction," but they did not interfere with his attention to the Chapters. Half-a-dozen lines sufficed to tell of his trip to General Grand Chapter.

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Perth Amboy, and recommended a fitting celebration of Grand Chapter's semi-centennial.

Recognition of New Zealand was laid over for a year.

Grand Chapter reaffirmed its action of two years ago by the adoption, in its entirety, of the ritual "which was authoritatively promulgated and taught by John Sheville, and was adopted by Grand Chapter at the time of its constitution."

Past High Grand Priest Henry S. Haines took up the Correspondence duties in succession to the lamented Grand Secretary Belcher, and despite some difficulties, which he explains in his introduction, turned out an admirable review, Canada for 1904 being included. He is good enough to express himself pleased with our efforts, and coming from a veteran of his experience the compliment is highly appreciated, and we with native modesty, pause to blush.

"The facetious and generally felicitous comments rendered by Companion Bennett upon current matters reported from the various jurisdictions in their Proceedings afford much satisfaction in their perusal, and indicate a careful observation, a wide knowledge and a keen perception on his part. Occasionally we must read a second time to feel assured that we are not misled by his humor into a misinterpretation of his real opinions, which, when truly estimated, are always valuable."

Edgar L. Brown, Jersey City, Grand High Priest.

Leonard L. Grear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico

Chapters . . 10.

Members . . 563.

In its seventh year this young Grand Chapter furnishes ample evidence of robust health and a strong desire to emulate its elders.

The Annual Convocation was held in the hall of Rio Grande Chapter, in the City of Albuquerque, on Wednesday, October 19th, 1904.

Grand High Priest Cahoon was kept busy appointing and issuing commissions for Grand Representatives, the Grand Chapters of Mississippi, Missouri, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, New South Wales, Quebec, Scotland and Victoria not yet heeding the invitation.

He urged the appointment of a Grand Lecturer as being the best possible pressure to insure the "General Grand's" beautiful work being accurately and uniformly adhered to, and recommended that Chapter by-laws contain a fixed date for the election and installation of officers, and that all elections and installations may take place at the same time each year.

He further suggested that the territory be divided into districts, and regretted his inability to visit none but his own Chapter owing to the continued disastrous floods.

The Grand Secretary's report was hopeful and he pleaded for jewels and collars, and for furniture for his office, and was rendered happy by the acquiescence of Grand Chapter.

The Correspondence Chairman is Companion J. H. Wroth, but his work has not yet developed into a visible report.

A. N. Pratt, Carlsbad, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New York

Chapters . . 198.

Members . . 26,659.

Numerically the Empire State leads all other Grand Chapters, and in point of dignity of procedure is second to none.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation convened in the Masonic Temple on the northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street, in the city of Albany, commencing on Tuesday, February 2, 1904, with Rollin M. Morgan as Grand High Priest and an imposing attendance of Representatives.

Three Chapters were constituted and two instituted during the year.

The Grand Chapters of New Jersey, California, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania had granted releases over candidates within their respective jurisdictions, for which fraternal favors in behalf of this Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest expressed appreciation and obligation.

Very accommodating, no doubt, but an arrangement prolific of awkward possibilities.

A brother of a Lodge in the New York jurisdiction, a native of Scotland, who returned to visit that country in 1900, received there the Mark, Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees from a Royal Arch Chapter in Aberdeen, Scotland, and had a diploma bearing the signature of the Grand Scribe E., and the question submitted was:

"Is he entitled to any recognition as a Royal Arch Mason, and had the Aberdeen Chapter any right to confer these degrees upon him without waiver of jurisdiction from the Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resided at the time of his visit to Scotland?"

Reply: "I understand the Grand Chapter of Scotland, like the grand bodies of other foreign countries, adopts the plan of universal recognition of candidates for the degrees. The Grand Chapter of New York has not at any time taken action in respect to a member going to a foreign country and while sojourning there receiving the degrees, and upon returning to this jurisdiction applying for membership.

"The General Grand Chapter of the United States, however, in 1894, adopted the following:

"In the matter of a member residing within the jurisdiction of one of our subordinate Chapters who, upon a visit to Scotland, his native land, was there exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, it is the opinion of your committee that whilst the Chapter of his residence may complete his qualifications as a Royal Arch Mason by conferring upon him such intermediate degrees as are not conferred in the foreign land, yet that the practice of a brother leaving the place of his residence and obtaining exaltation abroad is one that deserves the strongest disfavor, and that a Royal Arch

Mason thus made ought (unless satisfactory reasons to the contrary appear) to be denied the privilege of visitation.”

The Grand High Priest gave it as his opinion this rule should be applied in the case referred to. He was also of the opinion that if the diploma of the Companion is signed by the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and he can otherwise prove himself a Royal Arch Mason, “that the Chapter may properly complete his qualifications by conferring upon him such degrees as have not been conferred upon him in Scotland, if it, by a vote of its members, elect that it will do so, and it may exact the payment of such fee as it may determine for the conferring of the intermediate degrees.”

This deliverance was concurred in by the Jurisprudence Committee.

He dealt with his actions in the case of the Chapter which admitted the notorious Thomas W. Draper, known among the shady fraternity as “Chang.” He suspended the charter and took possession of the Chapter’s property.

“It is an act of serious import to the Chapter thus disciplined and to the individual members of a Chapter, many of whom have never known and will not ever have any other Chapter home; the associations of Chapter membership are often so identified with a Chapter that some will not seek membership in another Chapter if the warrant of their home Chapter be forfeited, and thus the innocent will suffer with the guilty.

“One who proposes another for membership in a Lodge or Chapter without accurate knowledge of his character and reputation, and so brings into our fraternity one who is unworthy, commits a Masonic offence not only against the Lodge or Chapter into which he makes it possible for such an one to gain membership, but against our beloved and honored fraternity.

“In the case now reported to you, incalculable harm, that it will take years to eradicate, has come to Royal Arch Masonry, because the daily press of New York City and the press of other places made such reports of the circumstance day after day that many whose impressions of our noble Craft were good must have become unfavorable to it, and those who were inimical made it the subject of unfair and unkind criticism.

“Happily such circumstances are few; but once before in its glorious history, covering a period of one hundred and seven years, has this Grand Body had to deal with a Chapter for such an offence.”

The Grand High Priest’s action was sustained and the following resolution carried:

"That the warrants of Mount Zion Chapter for the acts committed by it in the conferring of the Chapter degrees upon unworthy material knowingly, be and is hereby *forever forfeited*, and that the name of said Chapter be stricken from the roll of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York."

A new outfit of Grand Chapter regalia for the officers was provided.

In view of the action of the General Grand Chapter, he recommended "that this Grand Chapter extend to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand its hearty congratulations, and also a cordial recognition.

The Grand Secretary's report contained the following paragraph, which is recommended to serious perusal:

"The single disquieting result of the conditions revealed in the table of statistics, is that which records an increase in the number of suspensions for the non-payment of dues, always a source of anxiety, as it not only disastrously affects the membership of the Chapters, but prospectively the revenue of the Grand Chapter. In these prosperous times Chapters should make diligent effort to collect their membership dues annually, and thus prevent their accumulation, which largely influences non-payment, so that when less prosperous conditions prevail they may be the better enabled to guard against an evil, which sometimes assumes grievous proportions."

In addition to his salary of two thousand, it was resolved that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated to the Grand Secretary, as an evidence of the appreciation of Grand Chapter of the ability and skill with which he has discharged the exacting duties of his office for so many years, and as a token of the esteem and affection in which he is held by the Royal Craft.

The committee to which was entrusted the matter of the proposed publication of the addresses delivered before the Grand Chapter annually, from 1872 to 1902, inclusive, by Companion James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, reported, showing probable cost in various kinds of type and paper.

The report of the Special Committee, appointed at the last Annual Convocation, to consider the matter of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of the late gifted Grand Chaplain, James Byron Murray, was received and the recommendation adopted. It revealed a peculiarly sad condition of affairs:

"Your committee has investigated, as best it could, the conditions existing at the time of Comp. Murray's death, and find that he died alone, as he had lived; that no friend or relative was with him at the time of his demise, and upon reliable information, we are led to believe that no relatives survived him.

"We have learned that Comp. Murray left a small amount of personal property, probably enough to place a suitable monument over his grave, and that the property left by him will escheat to the State by reason of his having no known relatives.

"We, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to take such steps as may be necessary to effect the placing of a monument over the grave of Comp. Murray, out of his property, if there be any, and report its action to the Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation."

"Some lessons from Capitular Masonry" was the subject of an interesting address by Grand Chaplain Cushing.

Companion M. I. Greenwood furnishes a capital review of the Grand Chapters. Canada for 1903 being "one of which."

"We do not assume the character of critics upon the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters whose transactions have been received and examined, but look upon our duty rather as one of inquiry and search for wisdom and truth which may serve to inform, enlighten, instruct, and interest our Companions."

George A. Newell, Medina, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

Chapters .. 20.

Members .. 658.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of this "Supreme" Grand Chapter was held at Christchurch, on the 27th of January, 1904. It now has a constituency of twenty "particular" Chapters, and one Mark Lodge, working under its authority. The Chapter is recognized by the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, Ohio, Connecticut, Canada, Montana, New Brunswick, Nevada, District of Columbia, Oregon and Texas. Others have since accorded recognition, including the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. and the Grand Chapter of New York.

The Supreme Committee reported that "during the past year no additions have been made to the roll of Grand Chapter, but seed has been sown which will no

doubt yield its harvest in due season. It may here be mentioned that Supreme Committee has never encouraged any coercive policy for extending the operations of Capitular Freemasonry. On the contrary, it has felt that any desire for the creation of new Chapters should be the spontaneous emanation of Companions in those districts where the privileges of Royal Arch Freemasonry do not exist, and, while the most complete information is furnished when desired, there has never been the slightest attempt to force a growth which must be natural to ensure anything like permanency."

Grand officers were diligent in visitation during the year, among them being Canada's representative, M. E. Companion R. Fletcher.

The Grand Scribe E. prepared a form of installation ceremony for the Chapters which gave general satisfaction.

Since the institution of Grand Chapter, great difficulties had been experienced in the conduct of the Royal Arch installation ceremony, owing to the absence of any recognized work of authoritative character. "The form hitherto in use—the Scottish working—being not only imperfect and incomplete, but presents anomalies of the crudest character, and in places is absolutely misleading to the novice in Capitular installation work."

Scotland, by the way, does not appear among the Grand Jurisdictions which have smiled recognition on New Zealand.

It was reported at the last Annual Convocation that in one district the relations between Chapters and Mark Lodges under the E. C. were not altogether of an amicable character, and a suggestion was made that an application be made to the Grand Mark Lodge of England for recognition. This was negatived, as not being compatible with the dignity of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"Since that time, Bro. Dillworth Fox, the present D.M.M. of Canterbury under the E.C., has visited England, and endeavored to adjust the difficulty, but in September last, in a private letter to Grand Scribe E., he wrote as follows:—"The Mark authorities have now definitely pronounced that, however much they may know privately and as individuals that things are all right, as a

constitutional body they have had hitherto no official knowledge of the Mark degree as being worked by the Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand. It needs only an application in form, and they all say that they will undoubtedly immediately fall into line with the Craft authorities."

"The committee, having considered the question, recommend that Grand Chapter waive the dignity of its undoubted position and make application in form for recognition, simply to preserve Masonic harmony."

The question of the appointment of Grand Superintendents was discussed and deferred until next Annual Convocation.

With musical honors the newly elected officers were installed, and fraternal greetings and congratulations were tendered by representatives of the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, Connecticut, Ohio and Canada.

"The concluding hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy Courts Above,' was sung, and the M.E.G.Z. and his officers retired in procession, thus terminating the twelfth annual Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter."

Rev. E. Eliot Chambers, Lyttelton, Grand Z.

H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina

Chapters . . 23.

Members . . 1,180.

A picture of the Masonic Hall at Wilmington, and a portrait of the Grand High Priest, Companion H. G. Smallbones, illustrate the printed proceedings of the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation, in the hall of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, in the City of Raleigh, June 14th, 1904.

The address of the Chief Ruler did not reveal anything out of the ordinary. He, like others, followed the lead of the General Grand and recommended recognition of New Zealand.

"The statistics of this Grand Chapter will show that there is greater interest in Capitular Masonry in North Carolina than ever before. During the last year, we have exalted over two hundred Companions, and every Chapter except three shows an increase."

North Carolina's idea of educating a pupil of the Oxford Orphan Asylum is being carried out satisfactorily.

The report contains these interesting facts:

"This year there was no uniform to buy, as Eston Renno was excused from wearing a uniform; also as he had provided himself with a supply of clothing, there was no expenditure on that account.

"During the year he worked at odd times at the trade he had learned at Oxford in the shoe shop, repairing shoes, and cleared nearly \$50.00, which enabled him to buy his books and necessary clothing.

"Dr. Winston informs me that he is a conscientious, hard-working student, and that this money has been expended for a good cause.

"In connection with the expenditure of this money for the Grand Chapter, I must state that it is less than is usually spent by students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, as through the kindness of Dr. George T. Winston, its president, Eston Renno received a scholarship, which exempted him from the payment of the college tuition fees, which amounted to a fair sum, and which enabled our appropriation to do an amount of good that would have required a larger outlay."

"Severe illness" prevented the attendance of Companion Southgate, the well-known author of the Correspondence report. The latter, however, was on hand, and, as usual, furnishes good reading for his Companions. Canada for 1903 is generously dealt with.

William Anderson, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.

Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

Chapters . . 14.

Members . . 732.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdictions over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland), was held at Halifax, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1903. There was a most gratifying attendance.

The M. E. Grand High Priest James Dempster, in giving an account of his stewardship, said:

"Capitular Masonry should be in a more flourishing condition in this jurisdiction than it is, and more especially in the capital of our Province. Some Chapters do not seem to have life enough left in them to send in their returns, which prevents the Grand Secretary from making a full report of the condition of our Craft in this jurisdiction."

One of his dispensations was granted to Cumberland Chapter to walk in procession and wear Royal Arch regalia on Coronation Day.

Reports of visiting Grand Officers were lacking in former interest. One of them, writing of a Chapter in which he is a member, says:

"The Secretary reports to the Chapter that his communications to the Grand Chapter are not attended to as quickly as he would wish, and has made a note of the fact on the returns to the Grand Chapter under 'Remarks.'"

A remark which the committee thereon passed in silence.

"S. J. W." of the Committee on Correspondence, takes Canada for 1902 in charge, and is most generous in his review.

"Companion Bennett is not by any means a controversialist, but he comes out strongly against the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, and quotes, under Connecticut, the case of a brother who was elected in a Chapter in that State, but before receiving his degrees moved into another, and under this law his advancement is barred unless he comes back to the Chapter in which he was elected. We agree with Companion Bennett that this is not *Free* Masonry. It is not a question of fitness; it appears to be simply a question of dollars.

He also most properly deprecates the introduction of matters of a political nature into Masonry, but, in his castigation of the Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States for remarks made in the course of his address in 1900, does he not unwittingly fall into the same error?"

No, dear Companion, we avoided, and always will avoid, political discussion. We merely reminded the Companion referred to of certain historical facts which he somehow had overlooked.

S. J. Waddell, Truro, Grand High Priest.

D. H. Campbell, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

Ohio

Chapters . . 161.

Members . . 20,974.

Since the years 1900 to 1904, inclusive, this Grand Jurisdiction recorded a net gain in membership of 5,462, a wonderful showing. The year ended July, 1904, exhibited a gain of 1,447. Little wonder that Grand High Priest

Hannan addressed the Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation at Columbus, on the 5th October, 1904, with feelings of pride and pleasure:

"This has been the busiest year in our history; a larger increase in numbers is shown than ever before, and little has occurred to mar or interrupt the work of the year. And I am pleased to say that throughout the entire jurisdiction peace, good order, and prosperity abideth continually."

In the previous April there passed to his reward Samuel Stacker Williams, one of Ohio's valiant Masonic sons, "whose voice was ever raised in the interest of Capitular and Symbolic Masonry, and who is mourned not only by his own Grand jurisdiction, but wheresoever Symbolic and Capitular Masonry are revered. He served Grand Chapter several years as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, doing his duty faithfully, cheerfully and well. His strenuous efforts in the suppression of spurious Masonry in Ohio, justly merit sincere gratitude. At a time when the foundation of Masonry was assailed Companion Williams was at the helm, and by his forceful and intelligent handling of the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, when its Grand Master, he steered the craft to a safe haven. The standard of Symbolic Masonry in Ohio to-day is a fitting monument to the zeal and energy of the departed Companion."

Two dispensations for new Chapters were issued and four were constituted.

A general inspection of the Chapters was postponed because they were only perfecting themselves in the revised ritual. The Grand High Priest, however, made numerous visitations.

In the evening of the first day Grand Chapter officers exemplified the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Secretary's salary was augmented by four hundred dollars, and in addition an appropriation for clerk hire is authorized.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, but Canada's diplomatist did not respond.

The Correspondence report is by Graff M. Acklin, P.G.H.P., a veteran of the quill who took up the work

temporarily, and furnished an excellent review of the Grand Chapters, dealing most generously with Canada for 1904. Noticing the Washington incident, he says:

"One of the Grand Superintendents complained that Companions in his jurisdiction who desired to visit Chapters in the State of Washington could not obtain admission to the Chapters unless they had the Past Master's Degree conferred upon them, *and paid for having the same*. The committee were of the opinion that this was a question calling for inquiry, in order that a fraternal courtesy may be extended to the Companions when visiting in the United States. From the reading of the report one would infer that the Chapters in Washington required a fee. We do not have at hand a copy of the Washington constitution and by-laws, but we feel safe in saying that there is a misunderstanding regarding this matter. A Royal Arch Mason, made such in a jurisdiction that does not recognize the Past Master's Degree, must be 'healed' before visiting a Chapter in the United States, but the healing is short and quickly accomplished, and is done without the hope of fee or reward; in fact, it could not be otherwise. The payment of a fee implies the presentation of a formal petition, and such petition could not be received by the Chapter to be visited."

In his concluding remarks he refers to the frequency and openness with which the subject of rituals is handled, in the proceedings of various Grand bodies:

"It may be proof of extreme conservatism, but we lean to the idea that certain Masonic subjects should not be treated in writing, printing, or painting, and we have been amazed at the frankness and openness with which the subject has sometimes been handled.

"In the legislation of our Grand bodies can be discovered a tendency to modernize Masonry. In this modernizing process much of the quaint charm and impressive dignity of the institution is lost."

Companion Wm. M. Cunningham, of Newark, is appointed to succeed Companion Acklin.

Lewis P. Schaus, Newark, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urban⁴, Grand Secretary.

Oregon

Chapters . . . 29.

Members . . . 2,000.

"The past year has been a very prosperous one for Capitular Masonry in this grand jurisdiction, and prosperity lifts its proud head all over our beautiful Oregon."

So said Grand High Priest E. W. Davis to the Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at

the Masonic Temple, City of Portland, on Monday, June 13, 1904.

He started three new Chapters and made a number of decisions.

"Almost immediately following the last convocation of this Grand Chapter, one of the worst catastrophes in the history of Oregon befell our neighbor town of Heppner, in which over 200 souls were hurled into eternity without a moment's warning. Men and women all over the State dropped their own affairs to go to the relief of the survivors, and their earthly wants were supplied as soon as steam and electricity could convey provisions and money to Heppner."

On August 3rd, he received a communication from the Grand Secretary, enclosing a note from the Grand Librarian, saying that the Grand library had been broken into and six volumes of the only complete set of Oregon's proceedings, as well as several copies of earlier proceedings, were missing. He instructed the Grand Secretary to expend no more funds on the library until Grand Chapter met.

Adverting to the tardiness of Chapter secretaries to send in their returns, Grand Secretary Robinson says:

"Some method should be devised to correct this state of affairs, which is of yearly occurrence and causes the Grand Chapter a great deal of trouble, and places the delinquents in an embarrassing position before the fraternity."

Companion, the disease is incurable. Many methods have been tried in many jurisdictions, yet the most alluring reward will not tempt them into punctuality.

"Alas, the small discredit of a bribe
Scarce hurts the lawyer, but undoes the scribe."

A revised Constitution was submitted and adopted.

Companion Hodson's lively and withal searching report on Correspondence is, as ever, a bright feature of the volume. He stays with Canada, 1904, to the extent of over three pages. He thinks we're too big, and that there is room for a couple of Grand Chapters in the great west and north-west.

"Owing to the great distances and vast territory covered, it seems to us about time that the Companions of Central and Western provinces had organized another Grand Chapter. Winnipeg would seem a favorable point. Of course it is none of our business, but

it certainly seems that the Rite would prosper and grow more rapidly if the centres of authority were divided. There appears to be but three Chapters in the British Columbia district, which, with five in the Kootenay district, it seems to us could readily support a dozen and a healthy Grand Chapter of their own."

Possibly, but the Companions there seem to be eminently satisfied with the existing condition of affairs, and have yet to express a desire for independeneec.

Companion Hudson puts it in a nutshell, when on the subject of "temperance legislation":

"The place to put up the bars is just in front of the Entered Apprentice degree, and where it has been so placed there is no use for further action."

Concluding he says:

"Somewhere in the Al Koran we read that when one dies men ask: 'What wealth did he have?' but the Recording Angel with waiting pen asks: 'What good did he do on earth?' In our rushing commercial age, where the 'almighty dollar' is too often esteemed the chief good, we are perhaps too much inclined to forget the more important duties of life and the vital question of the Recording Angel. If we follow the true teaching of the fraternity, conforming our lives to its principles, the Angel will record that we not only loved and worshipped God, but that we loved and did good to our fellow men. In the genial sunlight of our intimate associations let us cultivate the social and fraternal virtues."

T. F. Ryan, Oregon City, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Chapters . . 124.

Members . . 21,276.

The quarterly "communications" in March, June and September, dealt with a great deal of routine business and exemplification of the degrees. The death of Past Grand High Priest Samuel C. Perkins was at the latter meeting. He was a great power for good in the jurisdiction and from his great store of knowledge wielded a healthy influence. From the address of Past Grand High Priest Alex. Morgan, on the occasion, the following excerpt will be read with interest:

"His aversion to innovation, or what might be called spectacular Masonry, was intense. 'In Freemasonry, what is not permitted is prohibited,' was the basis of his Masonic belief, and it was his rule of practice from which he never deviated. His familiarity

with the laws of the Craft as laid down in the Book of Constitution, which he had assisted in framing, was proverbial, and he insisted that the obligation to support, maintain and obey was as binding upon the Grand as upon the subordinate officers and craftsmen. This strict, unyielding execution of the laws might also be said to be inherited from his father, Samuel H. Perkins, who, when he appeared before the Legislative Committee at Harrisburg, refused to be sworn to answer certain questions relating to Freemasonry for the following reasons: 'In the language of the subpoena, I am called upon to testify my knowledge touching the evils of Freemasonry. I am a member of that society. I have discovered no evils of Freemasonry. I must, therefore, decline taking upon myself the obligations of the oath just tendered, and similarly protest against the right assumed.' This was the indomitable father from whom the son drew his Masonic inspiration, and it was with such material that the foundation of Capitular Masonry was built and upon which this great superstructure rests."

Officers were elected at the December Quarterly, and the following amendment to the Constitution was ratified:

"No member shall be exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he has had his mark recorded in the Book of Marks."

The Annual Grand Communication was held in Philadelphia's beautiful Temple, on December 28th, 1903, with a large attendance, M. E. Grand High Priest Henry Oscar Kline presiding.

A petition was received from a number (67) of Royal Arch Masons for a warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Wilkinsburg, Pa., to be called "Orient."

The Grand High Priest made but one decision, viz., that an objection to petitioner for the degrees and membership must be made by a member of the Chapter in person in the open Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Henderson, one of the five able reviewers, included Canada in his report. Referring to the M. E. Grand Z.'s address, he remarks:

"If we read the above understandingly we infer that the Grand Z. of Canada only makes Grand visitations where he is invited to do so, and if we are correct in that inference we do not approve of the plan.

"The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania enjoins upon the Grand High Priest the duty of visiting the Chapters within his jurisdiction as often as may be practicable, and he goes wherever and whenever it suits his inclination or when he thinks the best

interests of the Chapter require his attention. He does not wait for any invitation or ask anybody's permission to go. We hope the Grand Z. of Canada has the same conception of his powers and duties."

He has, Companion H., and exercises it where necessary, even at great personal inconvenience. The vastness of the jurisdiction must not be overlooked, hence the system of visitation which has been found to work with beneficial effect and which Companion H. does not fail to notice and commend.

Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburg, Grand High Priest.

Chas. Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

Chapters . . . 11.

Members . . 836.

One of the creditable features of the Annual Convocations of our sister Grand Chapter is the attendance of Past Grand officers and Grand Representatives, and as it was in the beginning, it is now, and there was no falling off at the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montreal on the 22nd March, 1904.

M. E. Companion Bruce Payne, Grand Z., opened his address with a confession of Capitular youth. Nine years previously he was exalted in Dorchester Chapter, and in that brief time succeeded in climbing to the highest office in the Royal Craft.

He was asked if application was made in regular form for the Royal Arch degrees from a Master Mason who had lost his right arm, whether he would grant a dispensation? He very properly replied in the negative.

In referring to a visit paid to a joint Convocation of the Montreal Chapters in the previous September, he remarks pleasantly on the presence there of the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, "whose visit was greatly enjoyed by the Companions present and whose encouraging words were much appreciated."

Later he was called west and, while in Denver, visited one or two of the Chapters, and incidentally pays a tribute to the hospitality of the Colorado Companions.

With the advent of a brand new ritual he recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

The Superintendent of the Montreal district, referring to the reunion of the Chapters in September, said:

"It proved most successful and highly instructive. The large Lodge room was illuminated by scarlet incandescent lights, which proved very effective during the exemplification of the several Degrees. One hundred and seventy Companions were present, all correctly dressed in the regalia of Royal Arch Masons.

"The M. Ex. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada was announced and escorted into the room by M. Ex. Comps. I. H. Stearns and Will H. Whyte. M. Ex. Comp. Stearns, the senior living Past Grand Z. of Quebec, introduced M. Ex. Comp. Shaw to the Grand Chapter, and among other things dwelling upon the fact that this was the first occasion in the history of the Quebec Grand Chapter that the Companions under its jurisdiction ever enjoyed the privilege of welcoming in their midst a Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"M. Ex. Comp. Payne, on behalf of Quebec, expressed his deep appreciation of the honour, and extended to M. Ex. Comp. Shaw a most cordial and hearty welcome to the District of Montreal.

"Grand honours were accorded to the distinguished visitor. M. Ex. Comp. Shaw made a brief but most happy acknowledgment of the honour paid to him, and took his seat in the East."

A most noteworthy event in the history of Capitular Masonry took place on Wednesday, November 25th, under the auspices of Carnarvon Chapter.

Possibly for the first time on this continent the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by Past Grand First Principals. The Superintendent thus says of it:

"It would, I consider, be presumptuous on my part to attempt to criticise the work, yet I may perhaps be permitted to express an opinion that the exemplification of the Supreme Degree by our Past Grand Princes and Rulers was equal, if not superior, to the best work ever presented in the city of Montreal; beyond doubt it was the most impressive that I have ever been privileged to witness. The Companions, of whom there were a very large number present, watched the work of the degree with the keenest interest, and at the close expressed themselves as highly delighted with the efforts of all, especially so with the First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Will H. Whyte, and Principal Sojourner M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers.

"Carnarvon Chapter presented an interesting souvenir card to all present."

After that who will say that Quebec is behind? On the contrary, the child can give pointers to its proud parent.

The Ritual Committee reported "that having held many meetings and examined many rituals, English, Canadian and American, came to the conclusion that the ceremonies formerly used by the older Chapters in this Province, and which were based upon that of England, would be more suitable than to make any very wide departure."

A concise but very pleasant report on Correspondence by M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, concluded Quebec's interesting volume. Canada, as usual, receives a kindly measure of his attention.

H. E. Channel, Stanstead, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island

Chapters . . 10.

Members . . 3,056.

The reviewer gleans nothing from "Little Rhody's" proceedings in the way of sensation. Nearly seven years ago the Grand Chapter passed the century mark, and it has not added a new Chapter for thirty-three years. Nevertheless its constitution is sound and the devotion of its members unexcelled. The premier Chapter, that in Providence, has a membership of nearly 1,400, but there is no visible sign of any attempt to set up a rival. That excellent writer, Companion Rugg, however, in the introduction to his admirable report on Foreign Correspondence, expresses the fear that "there are some perils incident to prosperity."

"The ancient Templars, in their day of wealth and ease, having grown proud and vainglorious, were overthrown. Prosperity is not always conducive to the best results, either for an individual or an association. We may well raise the question whether the robust quality of manhood developed by Craftsmen under the storm and stress of anti-Masonic days has ever been excelled. There were apostates then; but a goodly number of brethren held fast to their Masonic allegiance. Under their fostering care our cherished institution revived and took on a new lease of power and service. Now it is generally praised. Now the influence of the Masonic fraternity is conceded, and it draws numbers to its communion. May it not become too powerful and too popular for its own good!"

He offers an illustration of the advantage of "going slow," and which his own sturdy jurisdiction might well be offered as an object lesson:

"A recent writer tells how the mussels climb up the piles of a wharf toward high-water mark. He says: 'The mussel shoots out a spray of gelatinous stuff in the direction he wants to go, which soon hardens into fine, firm threads. They do the business. He climbs upward slowly, but surely.'

"Shall we not get a suggestion from this lowly source?"

There were just eighty-seven in attendance at the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, Providence, on the 8th March, 1904. Twenty-five of these were Grand Representatives, Companion W. R. Greene, Grand Secretary, holding Canada's commission.

Companion Charles B. Manchester, M. E. Grand High Priest, addressed the Companions briefly, telling the story of the invitations he received, the dispensations he granted and the visits he paid. Among the latter was one to a Chapter at Lynn, Mass., where he was "cordially received, and witnessed the work of the M. E. Master's degree in a beautiful manner." He omitted to say how he witnessed it in his own jurisdiction, although he did witness frequently.

Companion Rugg's review of the Grand Chapters includes Canada for 1904. He quotes the writer on the question of nomenclature of Chapter officers and adds:

"Perhaps there was a concession to American democracy in the formulating of the Capitular system accepted throughout the United States; but the personnel and the legend are the same in the Royal Arch rituals as used respectively in Canada and in this country, albeit the arrangement of names and titles is different. The three 'principals' are the Prince, the High Priest, and the Prophet—Zerubbabel, Joshua, Haggai.

"Craftsmen in Rhode Island have great respect for Thomas Smith Webb, undoubtedly a 'ritual reformer,' yet by no means a creator or a destroyer to the extent that some of the brethren have supposed him to have been. The republican ideas in his teeming brain did not prompt him to attempt any considerable 'remodelling' of the earlier degrees."

A most fortunate thing for the earlier degrees at that time and for the universality of the Ancient Craft in the interval. We have no desire to lessen the respect entertained for the memory of Webb, whose ability no Companion will deny, but may venture the opinion that it was a grand thing for Freemasonry on this continent

that the genius with which he was so peculiarly gifted, died with him.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand High Priest.
Wm. R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Scotland

There are, according to the roll issued by the Grand Scribe E., for 1904-5, some three hundred Chapters on the register of this grand old jurisdiction. Of these, one-third are far distant from headquarters, which accounts for the significant words *No Return* after many. There are 37 in Australia, 24 in South Africa, 20 in India, 8 in the West Indies, 8 in New Zealand, 3 in Tasmania, 3 in China, 2 in Peru, 1 in British Guiana, 1 in Chili, 1 in Japan, 1 in Gibraltar, 1 in the Fiji Islands and 1 in Canada, at Victoria, B.C.

From the proceedings of a quarterly "Communication," held on the 12th March last, it is learned that ten of the above were granted Charters at that meeting.

That Grand Scribe E. be granted, in addition to his salary, the sum of fifty pounds per annum for clerical assistance, to be applied at his discretion.

It was moved and seconded "that a new organ be provided for use in Supreme Grand Chapter."

Reports from Lanarkshire's and Aberdeenshire's Grand Superintendents were read, and Grand Chapter's financial statements submitted.

The auditor's report showed the following satisfactory condition of affairs:

"That the General Funds and Estate belonging to and under the control of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as at 17th February, 1904, inclusive of the value of paraphernalia and other effects (as valued by the Chairman of Committee and Grand Scribe E.) amounted to the sum of eight thousand five hundred and seventy-six pounds, three shillings and fivepence halfpenny sterling (£8,576, 3s. 5½d.)"

"That the Capital Account of the Charity Fund amounted, at 17th February, 1904, to two thousand five

hundred and ninety pounds, thirteen shillings and eightpence sterling (£2,590, 13s. 8d.)”

At the Annual Communication for the election and installation of Grand Office-Bearers, held in Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1904, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay presided as Grand Z., and announced Sir Allan Mackenzie, who was about to be elected to that office. The other officers being installed and invested, “Supreme Grand Chapter was thereafter closed in ample and solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to the dining-hall to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, Companion the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Past Grand Z., presiding, with Companions T. M. Cunningham and Alex. Brown, First and Second Grand Sojourners respectively, as Croupiers.”

Companion Alfred A. Murray, Grand H., proposed the toast of “The Prosperity of the Holy Royal Arch,” The meeting, he said, “was to some extent like the subject of this toast, for the Royal Arch, though necessarily a more circumscribed body than the Craft in general, was accustomed to gather into its ranks a large proportion of the special enthusiasts and principal workers in Masonic circles.”

“Royal Arch Masonry was brought into Scotland practically about the same time as the Grand Lodge was constituted—about 1736—but from that time for many years it was under no separate government separate from that of the Craft. It was indirectly part of Craft Masonry, apparently wrought by inner circles of the Lodges. He thought it a most unfortunate thing for Scotland—in saying that he knew he was not in unison with many other Masons—that about a hundred years ago all the higher degrees were cut off at one fell swoop from any control of the general Craft in Scotland. There was a resolution passed that all the higher degrees were to be kept entirely apart, and were not to be recognized. Subsequent influential overtures for union were peremptorily rejected by Grand Lodge. The result was that the Royal Arch and the Templars were cut off entirely and left to their own guidance. They became scattered bodies under no government whatever. It was a very good thing for Scotland that in 1817 about thirty Royal Arch Chapters set about constituting a governing body of their own, and succeeded in bringing about that historic meeting in St. John's Chapel, which formally constituted the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The union of the Templar bodies ought to have followed long ago, and with it the suppression of a number of side degrees which were of no value to the true Mason, a waste of time, a dissipation of energy, and a

source of expense. An ideal looked forward to by many was a rapprochement of the larger bodies, and if this ever came about, the Craft might yet see a magnificent Masonic Temple in the Capital of Scotland, which would be worthy of the whole."

Sir Allan Mackenzie, of Glenmerick, Bart., First Grand Principal.

R. S. Brown, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Dakota

Chapters . . 30.

Members . . 1,886.

At Yankton, on the 16th June, 1904, the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by Companion Samuel H. Jumper, M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by a galaxy of South Dakota's ardent Capitular workers.

He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Groton, but apparently little else engaged his official attention for the reason, perhaps, as he put it himself, that "in Capitular Masonry in South Dakota no unusual event has occurred. The usual dispensations and no decisions comprises the record of our work."

Concluding he modestly says:

"I must extend to the Companions my sincere and heartfelt thanks that through their kindness I shall bear through life the proud title of 'Past Grand High Priest,' though I fear I have hardly earned it. I fear, in the future, it will only be said: 'He passed through the chair.' It has been a bitter disappointment to me that my position in business has prevented me from making official visits to the subordinate Chapters."

The Committee on Ritual "prepared a manual which contains, without change, the original Royal Arch Chapter work as prepared and published by Companion M. L. Youngs, late Grand Lecturer of Wisconsin, and which work was officially adopted by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota."

Evidently the General Grand's elegant compilation did not find favor in that section of the woolly west.

Two photogravures, showing the interior of the Grand Secretary's office, embellish this volume and fill us with envy. But such luxury is not for the effete east.

Another breezy report on Correspondence from the pen of Companion Levoy greets us. Under Canada for 1904, he refers to the matter of Canadian visitors in Washington, and says: "If they insist on visitation, they must conform and take the degree or be refused admission."

It is feared Companion Levoy is a hasty reader, for he seizes sometimes upon the wrong end of the argument, as in a certain case dealing with "dispensations," and his interpretation assumes a peculiar, if not amusing, aspect. In this particular instance the question was not one of the visitors "conforming" or otherwise. It was simply the matter of Washington exacting a fee for doing what other jurisdictions do for nothing. Just as with ourselves, visitors from England possessing only the R. A. degree, are qualified by having the missing degree communicated to them, but no such unfraternal action as "holding up" a proved Royal Arch Companion is ever dreamed of. If Washington has a law to that effect, it would be well for the Companions there to reconsider it. General Grand Chapter's regulations on that point are made clear as noonday.

Companion Levoy gets after us for "scolding" him "for eulogizing the departed Drummond." Now that is either a specimen of the Companion's agility in the "corner-turning" line, or else it is another case of misreading and resultant misinterpretation. In either case we are indisposed to dwell upon the matter further, and would enjoin upon our good Companion to "go slow."

"Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues."

Geo. H. Perry, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

Chapters . . 72.

Members . . 3,150.

Nashville was honored with the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation, which was opened by Companion George P. Chandler, M. E. Grand High Priest, on the 25th January, 1904, in the Masonic Temple.

Bun F. Price, of Memphis, a well-known name in connection with Masonic journalism, and William R. Shaver, Past Grand High Priest, were two notable Tennesseans who passed away within the year.

Three new Chapters were instituted and two consolidated.

The Grand High Priest recommended that a Grand Lecturer be appointed.

"There have been 157 charters granted to Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and at its seventy-fourth annual convocation sixty-four or sixty-five were alive and paying dues to the Grand Chapter. Of this number of Chapters, forty-three report thirty-five members or less. Six of this forty-three report no exaltations in ten years, 1894 to 1903. One or two of these are now suspended. Only fifteen of these present unquestionably accurate reports during the ten-year period. Six of these have not suspended a member for non-payment of dues in ten years. Two of these Chapters, one with a membership of thirty, and one with a membership of twenty, report no deaths in ten years. One Chapter reports one death in ten years, this being the only change in its report, and apparently the only occurrence in the Chapter during that period.

"There are within this Grand Jurisdiction seventy-eight dead Chapters."

The Capitular graveyard in Tennessee is apparently not allowed to run fallow. On motion the incoming Grand High Priest was requested to appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to correspond with other Grand Chapters in the United States, and ascertain, if possible, the best methods to pursue in reviving dead Chapters.

Companion Ingersoll seems to have abandoned the Correspondence circle, for which we must fain express regret. His successor, Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister is, however, welcomed cordially. He has been and continues to be a notable worker for his Grand Chapter, which esteems him highly.

His review of Canada is that of 1903, and is a kindly notice of our year's work.

Fred. C. Watkins, Troy, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Clendenning, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas

Chapters . . 166.

Members . . 8,363.

The law of Texas is inexorable in regard to lethargic Chapters. Forfeiture of the charter is the penalty for not convening for three consecutive months. Hence to the outsider who endeavors to arrive at an accurate condition of affairs, it is occasionally a matter of difficulty. A Chapter which forfeits its charter is called a "demised" Chapter, and if the act of forfeiture is frequent, so too are petitions from the demised to be restored to favor and good standing. In the volume before us, that for 1903, there is a list of 69 demised Chapters, and another of 166 active.

We may be permitted to entertain a doubt as to the resultant good of the law referred to, as many will agree that a three months' somnolence is not by any means an indication of death. On the contrary, a period of quietude has in many cases been but the prelude to renewed and greater activity. Moreover, the carrying out of such a law, and the consideration of subsequent appeals for restoration, must entail a vast amount of labor. The Grand Secretary, it is noticed, receives a salary of \$1,500, and he earns every cent of it.

Then, too, in how many cases has enthusiasm been killed by the regulation? For with the edict of forfeiture the Chapter's effects have to be surrendered with the charter and, like the evicted tenant, the Companions can hardly be expected to foster a greater affection for the captors of their goods and chattels.

At the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Waco, on December 1st, 1903, Grand High Priest Straghorn, notwithstanding the "dead uns," said: "We have had a peaceful and prosperous year. We have had no great calamity to befall our great State. The Royal Craft is prospering in all parts of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Fear of the law is not characteristic of the Texan Companion, for seven new Chapters were constituted and six dispensations for new Chapters were issued. A charter under this jurisdiction costs \$100.

He granted to four Chapters "permission to resume labor until this session of the Grand Chapter, they having forfeited their charters by failing to meet three consecutive months, and it is my most ardent desire that each will bring up good and square work, and have their charters restored."

To five Chapters he granted permission to instal their officers in public.

He instructed the Grand Visitors of each district to take charge of the charter, books and seal of all demised Chapters, as so many failed to comply with the law to turn them over to the Grand Secretary, thereby making it impossible for members of that Chapter to get certificates to enable them to affiliate with other Chapters. All the Chapters complied with this request except one, and he was sorry to report that the last High Priest positively refused to send in the charter, or comply with the request of the Grand Visitor of his district, saying:

"We are not disposed to comply with your imperative demand. We have some \$70 or \$80 worth of our property, which we think is ours, and we need it in our business."

The Companion apologized later, but the incident only goes to show the feeling engendered by Texas' peculiar law.

He recommended that all Chapters that have been demised for five years or more be stricken from the reports, and their numbers given to new Chapters. More work for the poor Grand Secretary. From the reports of the Grand Visitors, those worthy Companions appear to be kept busy trying to pick up charters and effects of demised Chapters and, in not a few cases, vainly.

The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated from the general fund of Grand Chapter, for the use and benefit of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Texas, and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was recognized.

Companion Terrell submits as usual a high-class report on Correspondence, and includes a kindly review of Canada for 1903.

Companion Cleveland, of Iowa, having remarked that Texas "covers such an immense territory, as to be

almost imperial in its vastness," Companion Terrell rejoins, "so it is; as also in its greatness and *sovereignty*."

F. W. Fitzpatrick, Mount Pleasant, Grand High Priest.

John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

Chapters . . 28.

Members . . 3,452.

As of yore, the Companions of the Green Mountain State are loyal to the standard of the Royal Arch, and their proceedings at the Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation at Burlington on 17th June, 1904, indicated another period of prosperity.

Grand High Priest Wm. S. Terrill reported everything peaceful; no grievance, no discord and no decisions, hence a very brief address.

The report of Grand Treasurer Whitcomb, Canada's faithful Representative, revealed a healthy condition of affairs so far as the treasury went. So much so, that Grand Chapter was able to assist Grand Lodge with a further loan of \$500, the indebtedness from that quarter now totalling \$9,000.

A committee was appointed to procure new jewels and aprons for the use of the officers of Grand Chapter and a number of aprons to be determined by the committee for the use of the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter.

Very interesting reports were furnished by the district officers, and showed that the inspection of the jurisdiction was well covered.

The Committee on Necrology presented an *in memoriam* report on the deaths of Myron J. Horton, who was Grand High Priest in 1893 and 1894, and other distinguished Vermont Companions.

The report on Correspondence is, as formerly, by Companion Marsh O. Perkins, and is characterized by his usual care and completeness. To Canada for 1904 he devotes over three pages. Noting the case where it

was reported that Washington demanded a fee from a Canadian visitor for communicating the P. M. degree in order to qualify him to visit the Chapter, he says:

"An inquiry was raised, as to whether the Chapters in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Washington made a practice of charging a fee for the P.M. degree, when conferred upon Canadian visitors to enable them to enjoy the right of visitation in that jurisdiction—this because of a complaint emanating from British Columbia, which we are hardly prepared to believe to be well founded. Certainly any manifestation by a Chapter in Vermont of the discourtesy intimated would subject the body to a rigid investigation at once, with a lesson or two in the exercise of fraternal amenities."

Daniel Payson, Windsor, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

This far-distant jurisdiction, for its four Convocations yearly, gives away little in the way of its proceedings, a pamphlet of 22 pages sufficing to show who were present, the correspondence received, officers elected, and a few brief notices. If there is anything in the way of a wordy "scrap" they carefully keep it to themselves. It is noticed that M. E. Companion J. D'Amer Drew, Canada's Representative, is always present and invariably active. Not so the M. E. Grand Z., who turned up at the fourth quarterly for installation.

At the first, viz., 15th October, 1902, the Ritual Committee submitted their report, which was referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Chapter, an exemplification of the ceremony of Exaltation was given by the R.E. the Second Grand Principal, and the Grand Chapter officers. There is something for other jurisdictions to emulate.

At the January, 1903, Convocation, exchange of Representatives engaged much of the space. The General Committee reported that the 18 Chapters on the Roll had been renumbered from 1 to 18, in accordance with the dates of their warrants.

"The V. Em. the Grand Treasurer," stated that the balance to credit of Grand Chapter was £134 18s. 6d.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Chapter, a Lecture entitled, "The Tabernacle of Israel, as a key to the plan of King Solomon's Temple," was given by M. E. Companion Percy Oakden.

In April, the Grand Chapter being opened "in Antient and Solemn Form."

The minutes of the last Quarterly were read and confirmed, and for the third time the V. E. the Grand Scribe E. read a letter from the M. E. the First Grand Principal, Companion the Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, regretting his inability to attend.

This was the occasion of election of officers and there being only one nomination for the office of First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion the Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, was declared duly elected to that position for the ensuing twelve months.

It was stated that in consequence of the illness of one of the members of the committee, the report of the Committee of General Purposes *re* rituals for Installation and Consecration Ceremonies was not ready.

It was resolved that the Committee of General Purposes be requested to report to Grand Chapter on the expediency of working the Veils, and the approximate cost of providing materials, etc.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Chapter, a lecture entitled, "Side Lights of R. A. Freemasonry," was given by R. E. Companion H. W. Sinclair, P.G.J.

The July Convocation saw the installation of officers. The Grand Z. permitted a predecessor to open the Grand Chapter by staying outside.

The committee decided that a banquet should follow the Grand Annual Festival, the price of tickets to be 3|6 each; also, that ALL Companions be admitted to the Installation Ceremony and the banquet.

Accounts were passed and the balance sheet presented and adopted, the treasury having gained nearly £4 since October.

It required a motion duly seconded "to elect" the junior officers, and the only actual election was that for the General Committee.

All Companions were then admitted, and the Installation of Grand Principals was proceeded with. Two P.G.Z.'s introduced and presented M.E. Companion The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock as First Grand Principal, V.E. Companion Thos. P. Derham as Second Grand Principal, and V.E. Companion L. Crawcour as Third Grand Principal; and after prayer by the Acting Chaplain, they were obligated, installed, proclaimed and saluted.

The rest of the Grand Officers were "appointed" by the Grand Z.

Here endeth the Fourth Grand Convocation for the year.

Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Melbourne, Grand Z.

John Braim, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia

Chapters . . 46.

Members . . 3,726.

"The net gain during the past year is the largest since the Grand Chapter was organized in 1807. During the year three new Chapters have been opened, and at this Convocation report a membership of 105, thereby clearly demonstrating the wise action of our Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to organize these new Chapters."

Grand Secretary Blanks thus reported to the Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation at Richmond, on the 10th November, 1903.

Joseph Virginius Bidgood, Grand High Priest, congratulated his Companions upon a peaceful and prosperous period.

"While many blessings have been mine in the past year, sorrow has visited others of our household. Our beloved Grand Secretary has passed under the rod on November 30, 1902; his eldest son was suddenly summoned to pass to that undiscovered country, but true servant of the Lord that he is, he bowed his head and said: 'Thy will be done.'"

Past Grand High Priest Thos. Edward Schwartz, and Grand Prin. Sojr. James O'Keefe, were among the prominent ones taken away during the year.

"At a previous Convocation a resolution was adopted requesting the several Chapters to donate a part of each exaltation fee for the benefit of the Home, and to remit said amount to the Grand Secretary, who would incorporate same in his Annual Report." Only two Chapters reported, one with \$3.00 and the other \$2.50.

The Grand Secretary added:

"Since writing the above I have learned that several of our Chapters have made very liberal donations to the Home and sent same direct to the Secretary of the Board of Governors."

The Finance Committee on the subject of the centennial of Grand Chapter, recommended "that a special Committee of five be appointed at this Convocation to take the subject under consideration and report at the next Annual Convocation, a plan with specifications to appropriately celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter, which occurs in the year 1907."

A touching incident was that when two of the Companions were requested to present to the East, M. E. Companion Robert Enoch Withers, "our oldest living Past Grand High Priest. The venerable Companion, now in the eighty-third year of his age, with feeble step and leaning on his staff, was most affectionately welcomed and received by the Companions with honors. The beloved Companion responded in very kind and eloquent words to the most cordial reception tendered him by his Companions of Grand Chapter, whom he had the honor to serve as Grand High Priest a third of a century ago, and whom he loved as devotedly to-day as in the days gone by."

The thanks of the Grand Chapter and the R. A. Masons of Virginia were tendered to the Companions of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 14, Alexandria, Va., for a very beautiful gold jewel presented to the Grand Chapter to be worn by the M. E. Grand High Priest and his successors.

Companion Chas. Nesbitt is the reporter and his review, as he himself says, was written for the *Virginian Companions*, and he did not do any talking on his own account. He has a brief but kindly notice of Canada for 1902.

Edward S. Conrad, Harrisonburg, Grand High Priest.
Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington

Chapters . . . 26.

Members . . . 1,946.

The Companions of Washington assembled in Twentieth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Seattle, and were called to order by M. E. Grand High Priest John N. Prather, on June 20, 1904.

He granted dispensations for two new Chapters and recommended endorsement by Grand Chapter.

He received a letter from "the Honorable and Very Worthy Secretary" of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the U. S., dated at Buffalo, N.Y., on the 7th inst., from which he quoted as follows:

"In relation to the matter presented to the General Grand High Priest by the Grand Chapter of Washington, and referred to in his address, page 26, the General Grand Chapter adopted the following:

"That until a charter or dispensation is granted by this Grand Body for a Chapter in Alaska, that the same be treated as unoccupied territory, and that until such time any State Grand Chapter is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over Master Masons residing therein, applying for the Royal Arch and preparatory degrees."

He accordingly recommended that this Grand Chapter immediately assume and exercise jurisdiction over Master Masons residing in Alaska, "applying for the Royal Arch and preparatory degrees," provided that we do not interfere with the work that any other Grand Chapter R. A. M. may have taken in hand to perform."

Last year he recommended the adoption of the Grand Representative system and was given "the cold shake." He returned to the charge this year, but whether his Companions were disposed, or otherwise, to agree with

him deponent sayeth not. It is observed that, following the lead of the General Grand, New Zealand was recognized, and it was

"Resolved: By the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Washington, that the Grand Chapter of New Zealand be, and is hereby recognized and welcomed as a Sovereign Grand Chapter, and that fraternal communication be requested and established with the said Grand Chapter."

This kindly resolution apparently does not involve an interchange of Representatives.

Grand Orator Kennan delivered a very interesting address on an old subject, "Early Masonry, the guilds and the MSS.," the author of which, Bro. Rylands, of England, is given due credit.

General Grand High Priest Pollard having written to the effect that the triangle was not regarded as one of the great lights in R. A. Masonry, it was

"Resolved: That the Constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction are directed during the Convocation of a Chapter in the Royal Arch degree to display upon the altar the Great Lights of Masonry, to the exclusion of all other symbols."

Grand Secretary Blalock submitted his customary review of sister jurisdictions in which Canada for 1904 appears. A feature in which Washington was to some extent interested, our good Companion appears to have overlooked, viz., the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, in which it was alleged that one or more Chapters in Washington were charging a fee for communicating the P. M. degree to Canadian Royal Arch Masons, in order that they might qualify to visit a Chapter. Now Washington is dutiful to and follows the General Grand Chapter in the matter of "recognition," "great lights," etc., and that important body is, in its regulations, emphatic on that point of visiting R. A. Masons who happen to be without one or more of the lesser degrees. We shall be glad to hear from Companion Blalock in his next report.

Nathan S. Porter, Olympia, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 2,824.

M. E. William H. Freeman, Past Grand High Priest, and E. Geo. W. Creel, Past Grand Captain of the Host, were the gaps left by death in the gathering which represented the Thirty-third Annual Convocation at Wheeling, on the 10th November, 1903.

"As we take our places, to close this Capitular year, we can shake each other by the hand and whisper words of congratulation, each one to the other, for the wonderful advancement we have made. For surely Peace and Plenty have come our way."

"As has been the case with many of my M. E. predecessors, we come this year with a handsome increase in membership, and, I believe, a better grade of quality, for the many advices along this line are at last being more carefully heeded by the officers of our subordinate Chapters, so that we find their guards more intelligently set and the outer courts of their tabernacles decidedly more securely guarded."

Pleasant words from the East, and Companion David K. Reed, M. E. Grand High Priest, was in no way diffident in glorification of "the *biggest* little State in all of these United States."

He granted two dispensations for new Chapters, and furnished some material for "pavement."

"At the beginning of my year as Grand High Priest it was my intention to try to visit a great many Chapters, and circumstances then looked as if I would be able to do so, but afterward events took a turn that made it almost impossible."

He should have left it at that, but he immediately proceeds to make "a break" which was not calculated to entice sympathy.

"Along this same line I might say I have always been rather of the opinion that the Grand Lecturer should make the most of the visits."

He did not even attend General Grand Chapter, because, as he says, he was unable to go.

"I think that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia should provide for the expenses of its Representatives to the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

Companion Frank Nichols, who succeeded the late Companion Dunnington as Grand Secretary, offers the following as a substitute for the report on Foreign Correspondence:

"The report of the Committee on Correspondence, which should be published in these proceedings, is omitted for the reason that we have been unable to get the report from the Chairman of the committee. The late Secretary, Companion Dunnington, and the undersigned, since Companion D.'s death, have made every effort to get the report, but have not been successful. The Chairman refuses to answer our letters, and I have been instructed by the Grand High Priest to get out the proceedings and not wait any longer for the report of the Committee on Correspondence."

Chas. M. Lamar, Martinsburg, Grand High Priest.

Frank E. Nichols, Fairmont, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin

Chapters . . 77.

Members . . 7,153.

In the afternoon of February 16, 1904, the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation was opened in the City of Milwaukee, with a more than average attendance.

The Grand High Priest's address was much on the lines of most of his colleagues. He placed the ban on the High Priest of a Chapter who had been suspended for U.M.C. by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

Among his "opinions" were the following:

"First: I was asked by a Companion, who is a clergyman, whether he is not, for that reason, exempt from the payment of Chapter dues.


"My answer was, No. I could find nothing in the Constitution exempting a clergyman from the payment of Chapter dues.

"Second: I was asked by a Chapter, whether it has a right to exempt its Secretary from payment of dues.


"My answer was, No; that I knew of no authority permitting any Chapter to abrogate the provisions of its By-laws, to exempt its Secretary from the payment of dues.

"Third: I was also asked 'whether there is any harm after the candidate has been seated, in the P. M. Degree, in having a few motions with amendments, just to let the candidate have a little experience in Masonic rulings.'

"My answer was, No; that under the decision of the General Grand Chapter, the ceremonies of that degree 'should be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the Oriental chair, and the communication of the means of recognition.'"


 He submitted a suggestion that the Annual Conventions should either commence on the morning of the third Tuesday of February of each year, or that "we arrange with the Grand Body of the Order of the Eastern Star, which follows us in the use of these quarters, to permit us, in case of necessity, to use this Lodge Room for such part of the afternoon of the following Wednesday as we may require to complete any unfinished business of the session.

Now wouldn't that jar ——? Fancy a Masonic Grand Body appealing to the "twinklers" for "permission" to use the Lodge Room. What next?

 Two of Wisconsin's Past Grand High Priests, Chas. Valdo Bardeen and John M. Evans, were called away during the year, and the Obituaries Committee did justice to their memories.

Grand Secretary Perry writes in connection with the Correspondence report:

"I regret exceedingly at this time to be required to write a conclusion for Companion Swain, but the facts are these: Companion Swain's health is not good. He was taken to the hospital and underwent a surgical operation, which our physicians say, with one accord, was a success, and Companion Swain now is able to be on his feet and move about with the aid of a cane. He has not, however, regained his usual strength and vigor. As you will notice, by referring to this report, he had reached Oregon in his review, and we of his Companions who know the position occupied by Companion Swain as a Correspondence writer and the inimitable style of review peculiar to himself, and knowing full well that no one could complete his report, so that it would be satisfactory to Companions who have read Companion Swain's report for twenty years, it is deemed best to let the report end just where his pen ceased to flow, only for a short time we hope, and not let any jarring words enter in, even to complete the work."

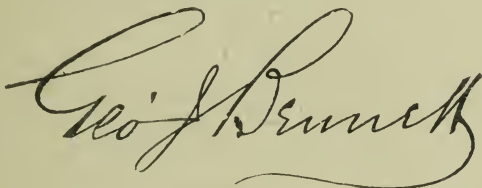
 Canada for 1903 was one of those which Companion Swain had reviewed in his customary pleasant and able manner, quoting freely from the writer, with whom he

agreed on the dependent membership question. We sincerely trust that a rapid recovery and restoration to his former activity will give us back Wm. C. Swain in possession of all his old-time energy.

F. P. Ainsworth, River Falls, Grand High Priest.

W. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Brunck". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama.....	1903	Montana.....	1903
Arizona.....	1903	Nebraska.....	1903
Arkansas.....	1903	Nevada.....	1904
California.....	1904	New Brunswick.....	1903
Colorado.....	1903-4	New Hampshire.....	1904
Connecticut.....	1904	New Jersey.....	1904
Delaware.....	1904	New Mexico.....	1904
Dist. of Columbia.....	1904	New York.....	1904
Florida.....	1904	New Zealand.....	1904
General Grand Chapter...	1903	North Carolina.....	1904
Georgia.....	1904	Nova Scotia.....	1903
Illinois.....	1904	Ohio.....	1904
Indiana.....	1904	Oregon.....	1904
Indian Territory.....	1904	Pennsylvania.....	1904
Iowa.....	1904	Quebec.....	1904
Ireland.....	1903	Rhode Island.....	1904
Kansas.....	1904	Scotland.....	1904
Kentucky.....	1903-4	South Dakota.....	1904
Louisiana.....	1904	Tennessee.....	1904
Maine.....	1904	Texas.....	1903
Maryland.....	1904	Vermont.....	1904
Massachusetts.....	1903	Victoria.....	1903
Michigan.....	1904	Virginia.....	1903
Minnesota.....	1904	Washington.....	1904
Mississippi.....	1904	West Virginia.....	1903
Missouri.....	1904	Wisconsin.....	1904

CAPITULAR STATISTICS.

As Compiled by Companion Herbert Harris, Maine.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- pay't dues.	Deaths
Alabama, 1903.....	45	1,732	334	115	74	0	0	63	19
Arizona, 1903.....	7	419	49	6	7	0	0	1	8
Arkansas, 1903.....	72	2,260	293	124	68	0	8	74	39
California, 1904.....	77	8,084	967	164	101	0	..	83	143
Canada, 1904.....	107	7,675	915	148	147	0	..	91	87
Colorado, 1903.....	35	3,059	222	65	55	0	..	44	35
Connecticut, 1904....	40	6,725	473	23	31	0	0	35	125
Delaware, 1904.....	4	821	56	3	5	0	..	5	8
Dist. Columbia, 1904..	12	3,042	265	86	53	0	0	62	35
Florida, 1904.....	24	1,080	160	69	35	0	..	11	25
Georgia, 1904.....	117	4,807	*237	*121	*131	*0	..	*83	*57
Illinois, 1903.....	186	20,295	1,821	311	266	3	..	318	316
Indiana, 1903.....	102	8,528	838	151	133	3	4	74	120
Indian Territory, 1904	42	1,818	304	43	59	1	..	47	15
Iowa, 1903.....	127	9,040	778	174	224	0	..	198	116
Kansas, 1904.....	81	6,010	439	106	141	0	17	72	82
Kentucky, 1903.....	85	4,695	577	123	125	1	..	62	51
Louisiana, 1904.....	24	1,725	246	28	20	9	..	20	14
Maine, 1904.....	57	7,705	560	101	83	1	0	43	116
Maryland, 1903.....	21	2,381	202	13	25	0	..	20	33
Massachusetts, 1903..	76	17,530	1,080	40	119	0	..	128	281
Michigan, 1904.....	139	15,899	1,153	145	134	3	..	123	236
Minnesota, 1903.....	62	5,834	364	74	100	0	0	46	54
Mississippi, 1904.....	69	2,660	300	64	79	0	0	59	37
Missouri, 1904.....	99	9,022	769	194	155	0	..	165	143
Montana, 1903.....	16	1,031	103	24	25	0	0	12	16
Nebraska, 1902.....	*53	*3,143	*198	*65	*67	*0	..	*45	*41
Nevada, 1903.....	7	321	27	2	12	0	0	3	3
New Brunswick, 1903	9	488	29	3	8	0	..	3	6
New Hampshire, 1903.	25	3,772	183	197	20	0	0	9	74
New Jersey, 1904....	37	4,225	361	77	28	0	..	68	71
New Mexico, 1903....	10	529	46	9	18	0	..	5	4
New York, 1903.....	196	26,659	2,527	295	220	2	1	488	373
North Carolina, 1904..	22	1,180	205	59	33	0	3	10	16
North Dakota, 1903..	14	1,239	147	16	28	0	..	5	12
Nova Scotia, 1902....	14	744	68	5	21	0	0	0	8
Ohio, 1903.....	155	19,527	1,730	438	284	4	0	298	274
Oregon, 1904.....	26	2,000	208	28	22	0	1	9	30
Pennsylvania, 1903...	124	21,276	1,589	121	103	..	..	168	304
Quebec, 1904.....	11	836	115	10	16	0	..	11	7
Rhode Island, 1904...	10	3,056	189	3	7	0	..	1	43
South Carolina, 1903..	21	936	143	11	19	0	..	6	8
South Dakota, 1904...	29	1,886	133	32	29	0	..	16	18
Tennessee, 1904.....	69	3,150	317	81	80	4	3	33	62
Texas, 1903.....	166	8,363	1,052	234	275	8	0	145	130
Vermont, 1903.....	28	3,331	209	89	94	0	..	5	54
Virginia, 1903.....	46	3,726	396	105	101	5	3	17	47
Washington, 1903....	23	1,797	199	79	26	0	..	14	26
West Virginia, 1903..	27	2,824	364	79	66	0	..	48	36
Wisconsin, 1904.....	77	7,153	533	82	128	2	..	58	116
Gen.Gr.Chapter, 1903.	23	1,797	199	79	26	0	..	14	26
	2948	277,825	24,672	4,713	4,126	46	40	3,418	4,000

* Last year's figures.

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